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WORLD WIDE CRIME-BUSTER

In this issue—
An authentic case
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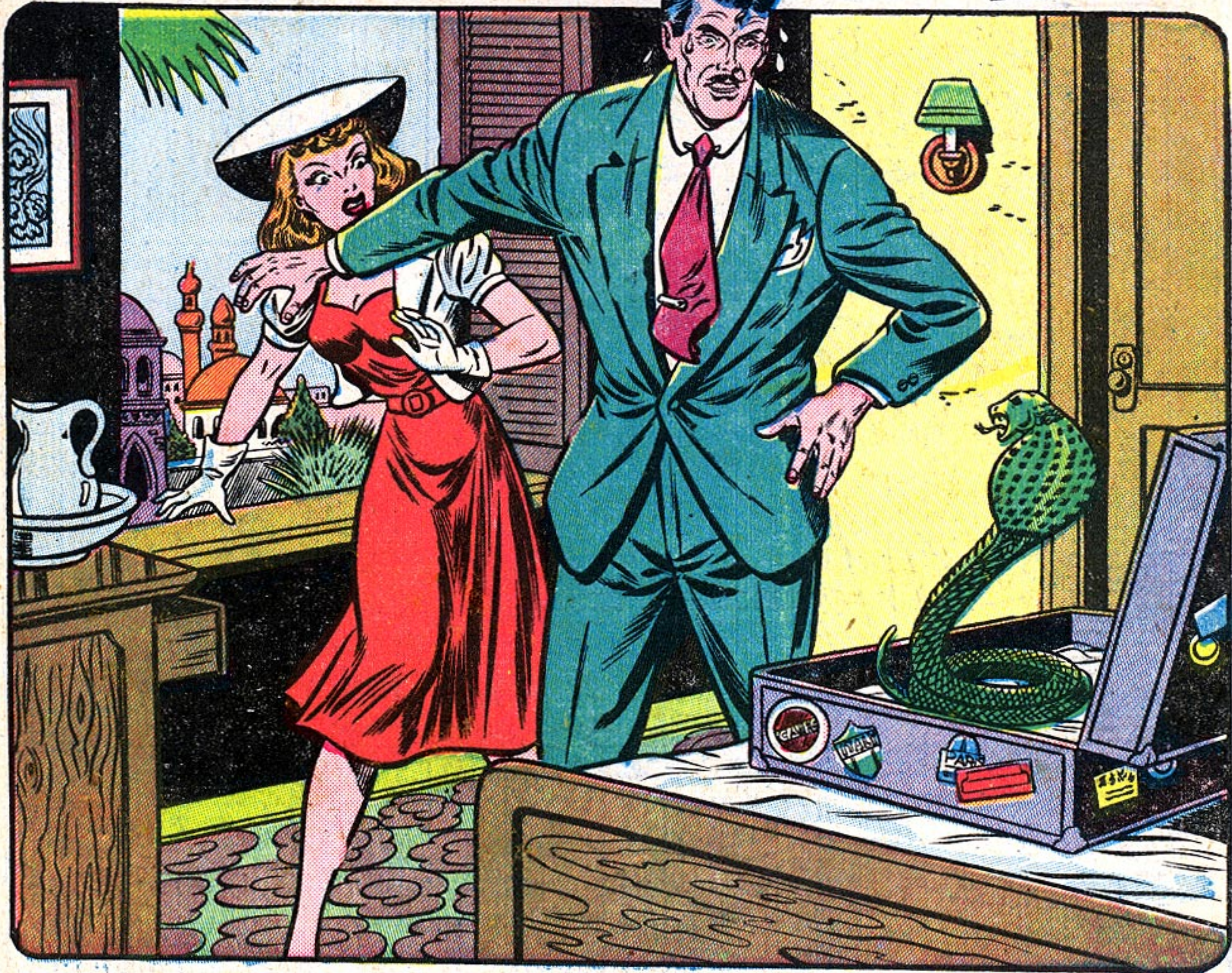
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T-MAN



YOU THINK THIS IS TROUBLE? HAH! JUST STICK AROUND AND SEE THE THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN TO AN INNOCENT T-MAN WHEN HIS BACK IS TURNED! WITH BRITAIN AND RUSSIA SCRAMBLING FOR CONTROL OF IRAN'S OIL FIELDS... ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, AND I THOUGHT I WAS READY! BUT EVEN WITH MY CRAZY EXPERIENCES, I'D NEVER FIGURED ON FINDING MYSELF...

TROUBLE'S DOUBLE!

**IN THE
AZ
SHAHL'
HOTEL,
NEAR
IRAN'S
GREAT OIL
FIELDS, A
WEEK OF
SECRET
DIPLOMATIC
MEETINGS
DRAWS
TO A
CLOSE!**



THEN WE ARE
AGREED ON THE
TERMS OF A
TREATY, MIR
REZA?

WE ARE AGREED, EFFENDI!
THE BRITISH AND
AMERICANS MAY HAVE
THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS
TO OUR OIL
PRODUCTION!



I SIGN BECAUSE
YOU HAVE PROVED
YOURSELVES
FRIENDS OF
IRAN! YOU
RESPECT OUR
LAWS AND
CUSTOMS AS
OTHERS DO
NOT!

AFTER ALL, MIR REZA,
ARE WE NOT SEEKING TO
PROMOTE THE DIGNITY
OF ALL MANKIND? THAT
IS THE WAY A FREE
WORLD WOULD
HAVE IT!

SUDDENLY...

HOLD IT, MOP-TOP!
I'LL TAKE THAT
SCRAP OF PAPER!

WHA...?
WHO ARE
YOU?



TRASK IS THE NAME,
CHUM... PETE
TRASK, U.S.
TREASURY
DEPARTMENT! MY
ORDERS ARE TO
BREAK THIS UP,
BUT GOOD!

MAN,
ARE YOU
INSANE?
HAS YOUR
GOVERN-
MENT GONE
MAD?



JUST SMART! WHY SHOULD
WE SPLIT OIL WHEN WE CAN
BRING IN A FEW TROOPS
AND TAKE IT ALL? STICK
AROUND, BUB! I'VE GOT A
PRESENT FOR YOU!



HERE, RAG-HEAD! TAKE
THIS LITTLE FELLOW
HOME AND BARBECUE
HIM FOR BREAKFAST!

EEEEHH! A PIG!
THE INSULT BEYOND
ALL INSULTS TO A
MOSLEM!



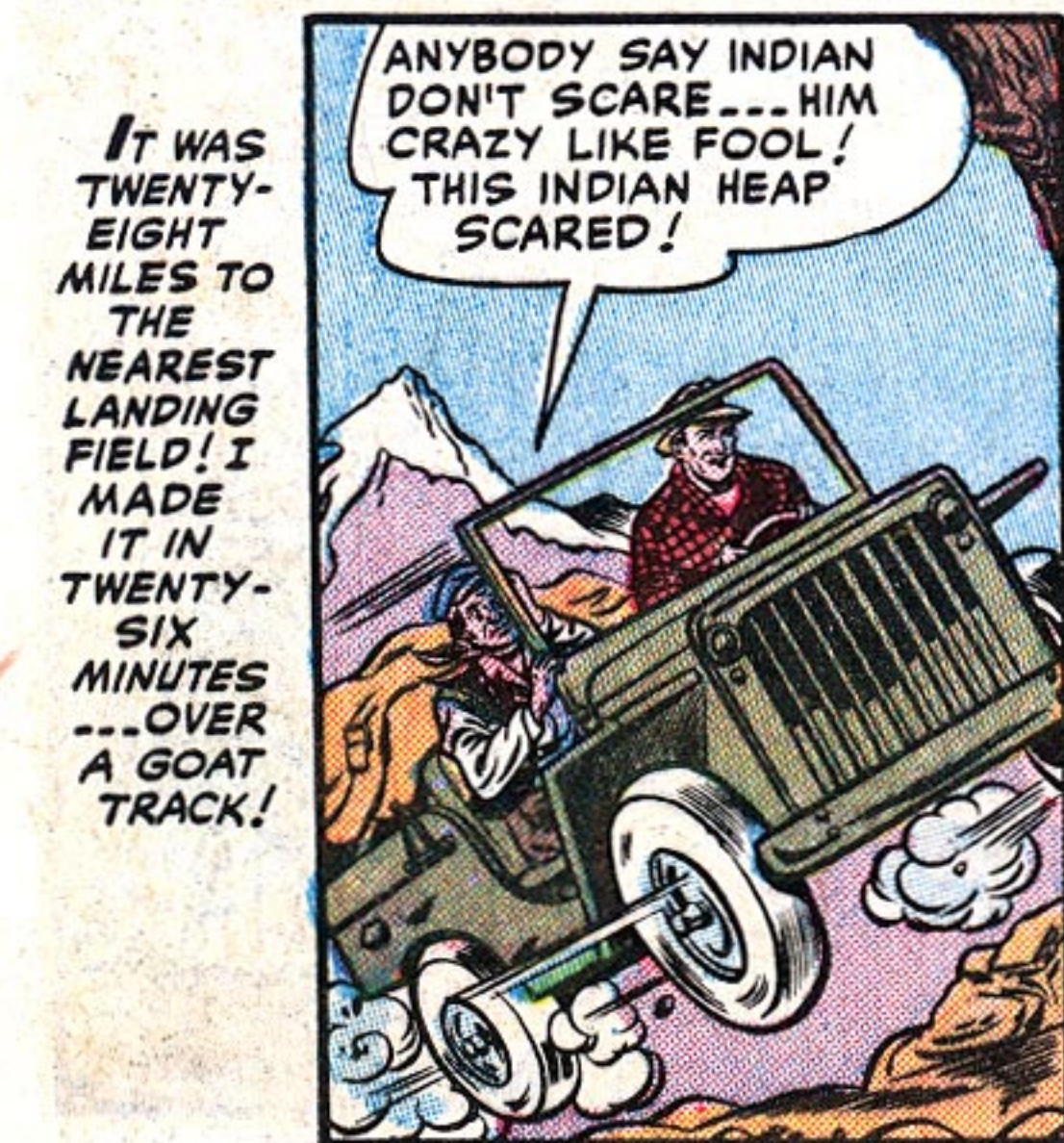
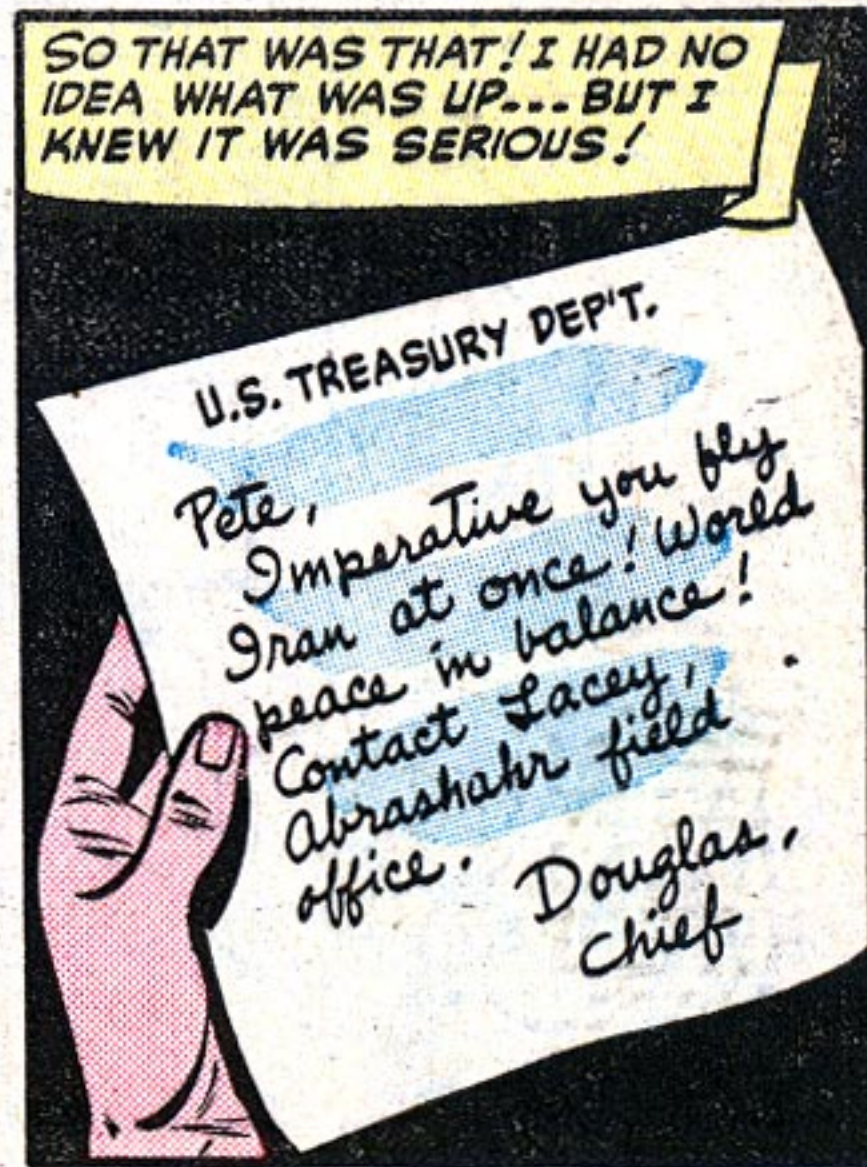
LUNATIC!
MADMAN! WAIT
UNTIL YOUR GOVERN-
MENT...OOOFF!

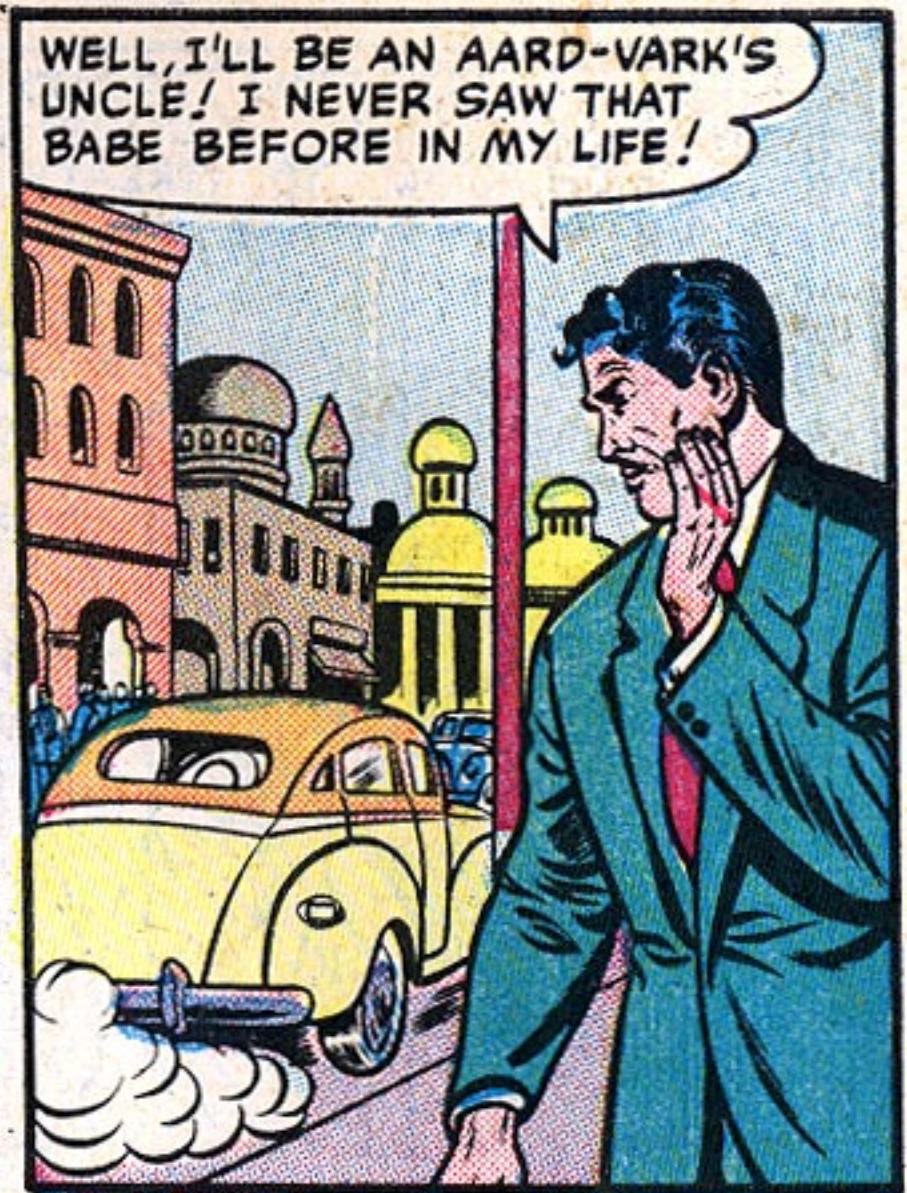
TAKE IT UP WITH
WASHINGTON, KIDDO!
AND SEE HOW FAR
YOU GET!



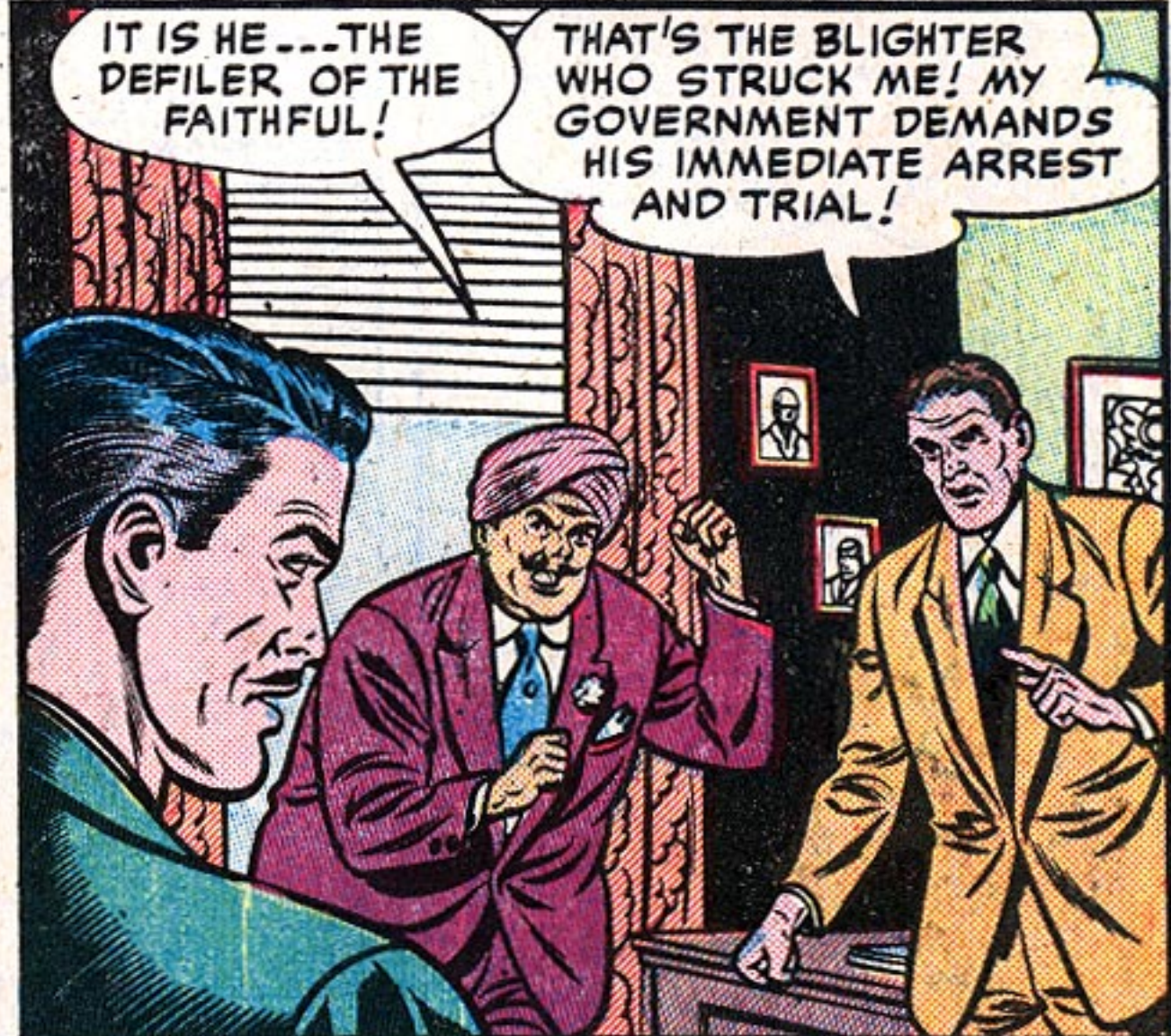


There WERE LOTS OF THINGS WRONG WITH WHAT HAPPENED IN IRAN! BUT THE CHIEF ONE WAS THAT I WAS TEN THOUSAND MILES AWAY THE NIGHT IT HAPPENED!





I PULLED MY JANGLED WITS TOGETHER AND WALKED TO OUR FIELD OFFICE!



Then, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I GOT THE WHOLE COCKEYED STORY... SO FAR AS OUR DEPARTMENT KNEW IT!



IT TOOK A LOT OF TALKING, BUT WE FINALLY GOT WHAT MIGHT BE LAUGHINGLY CALLED A CHANCE!

JUST HOLD OFF UNTIL I FIND THIS EGG, SIR! YOU'LL KNOW WHICH OF US IS WHICH BY HIS BLACK EYES!

VERY WELL! YOU HAVE 24 HOURS! FIND THIS IMPOSTER AND PROVE YOUR FANTASTIC STORY AND I WILL RECONSIDER THE TREATY!



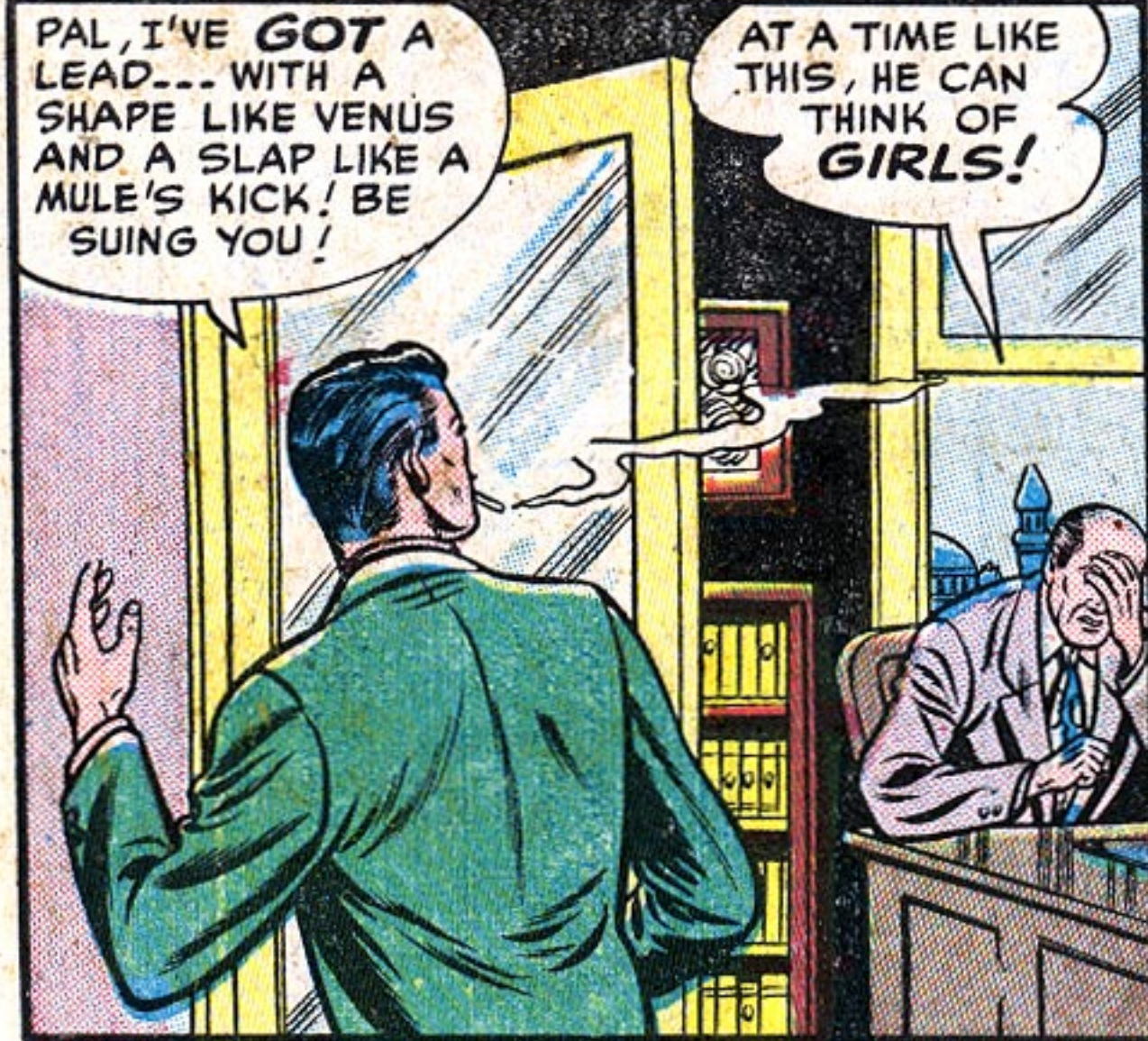
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, HE SAYS! HOW GENEROUS CAN YOU GET?

STOP BEEFING! THAT'S 24 HOURS MORE THAN I THOUGHT WE'D GET! JUST GET OUT AND PERFORM MIRACLES! FIND A LEAD, SOMEHOW!



PAL, I'VE GOT A LEAD... WITH A SHAPE LIKE VENUS AND A SLAP LIKE A MULE'S KICK! BE SUING YOU!

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, HE CAN THINK OF **GIRLS!**



I COULD THINK OF ONE GIRL...THE ONE WHO MIGHT LEAD ME TO MY DEADLY DOUBLE...

SHE CAME OUT OF THE FAWIZ! IF I CAN FIND HER, SHE CAN TELL ME HOW SHE MET THE RAT WHO PRETENDED TO BE ME!



SHE'S AMERICAN, ABOUT FIVE FEET TWO, BLUE EYES...

BUT EFFENDI, YOU ASKED ABOUT MISS LORNA MARCEY ONLY TEN MINUTES AGO AND I TOLD YOU THEN...ROOM 412!



SUDDENLY I WAS COLD ALL OVER...

I SAY, OLD CHAP...!

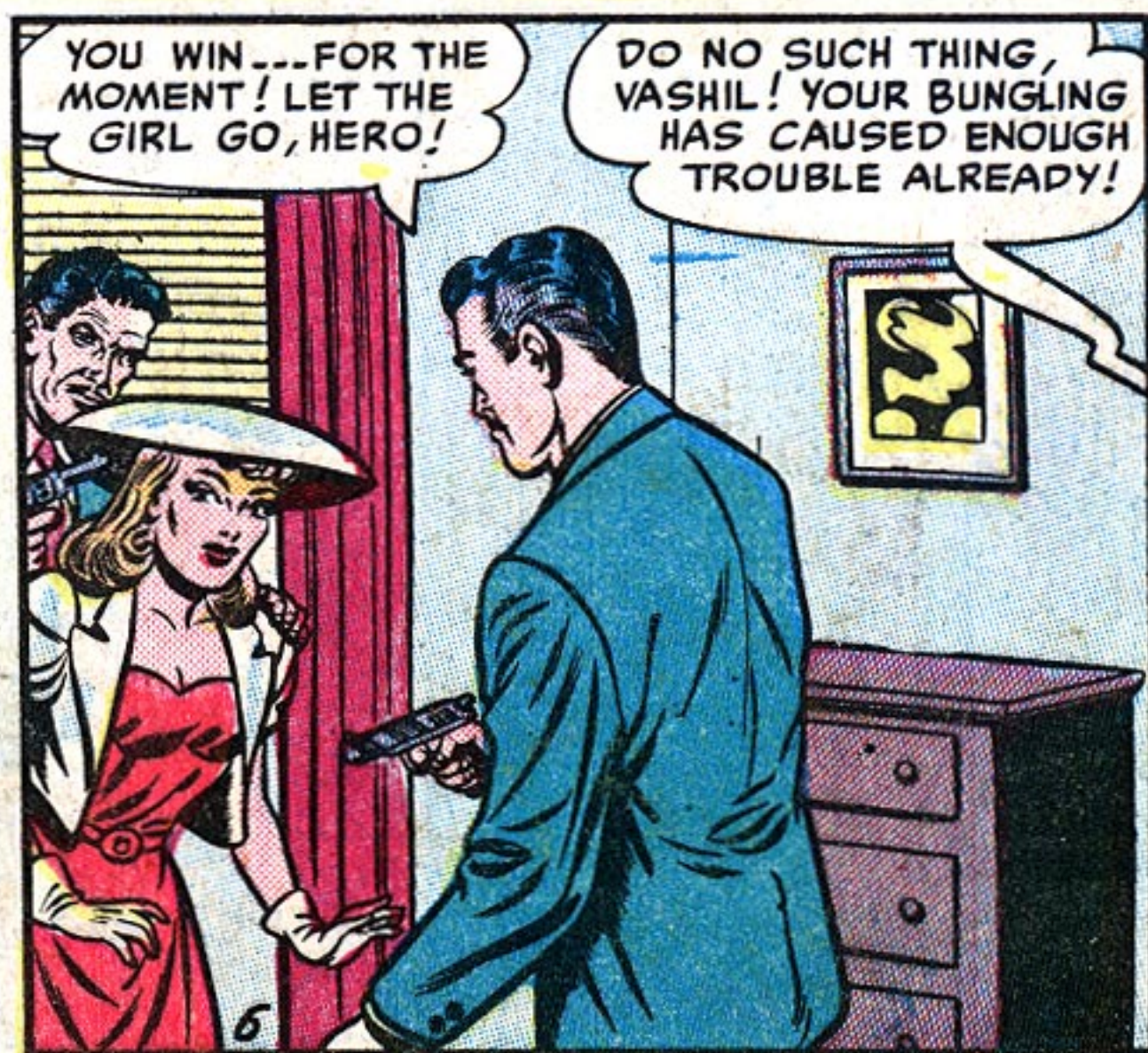
ONE SIDE, BUSTER! THIS IS LIFE OR DEATH!

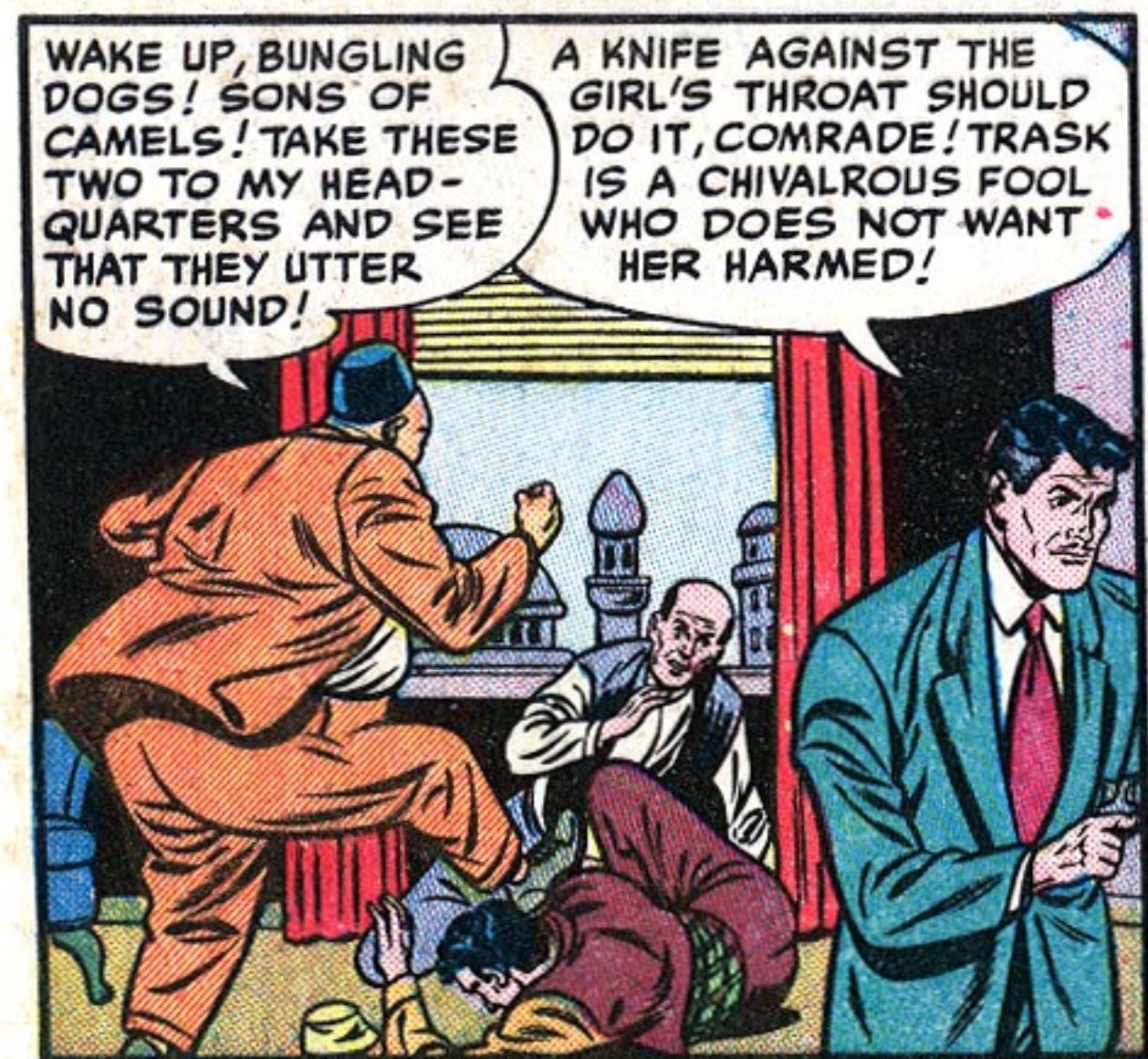
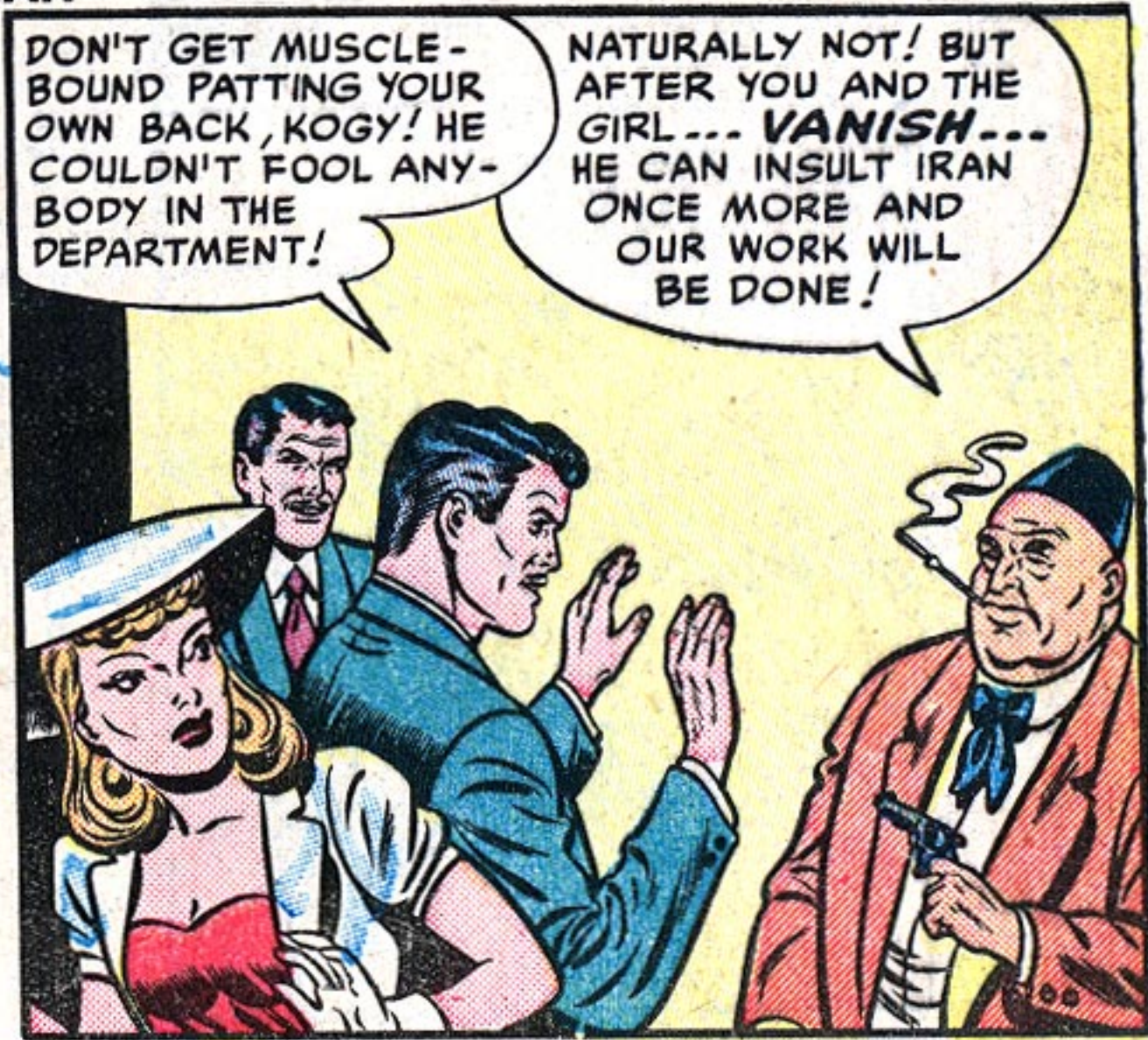


This WAS NO TIME FOR A POLITE KNOCK! I HIT THE DOOR OF 412 WITH EVERYTHING I HAD!

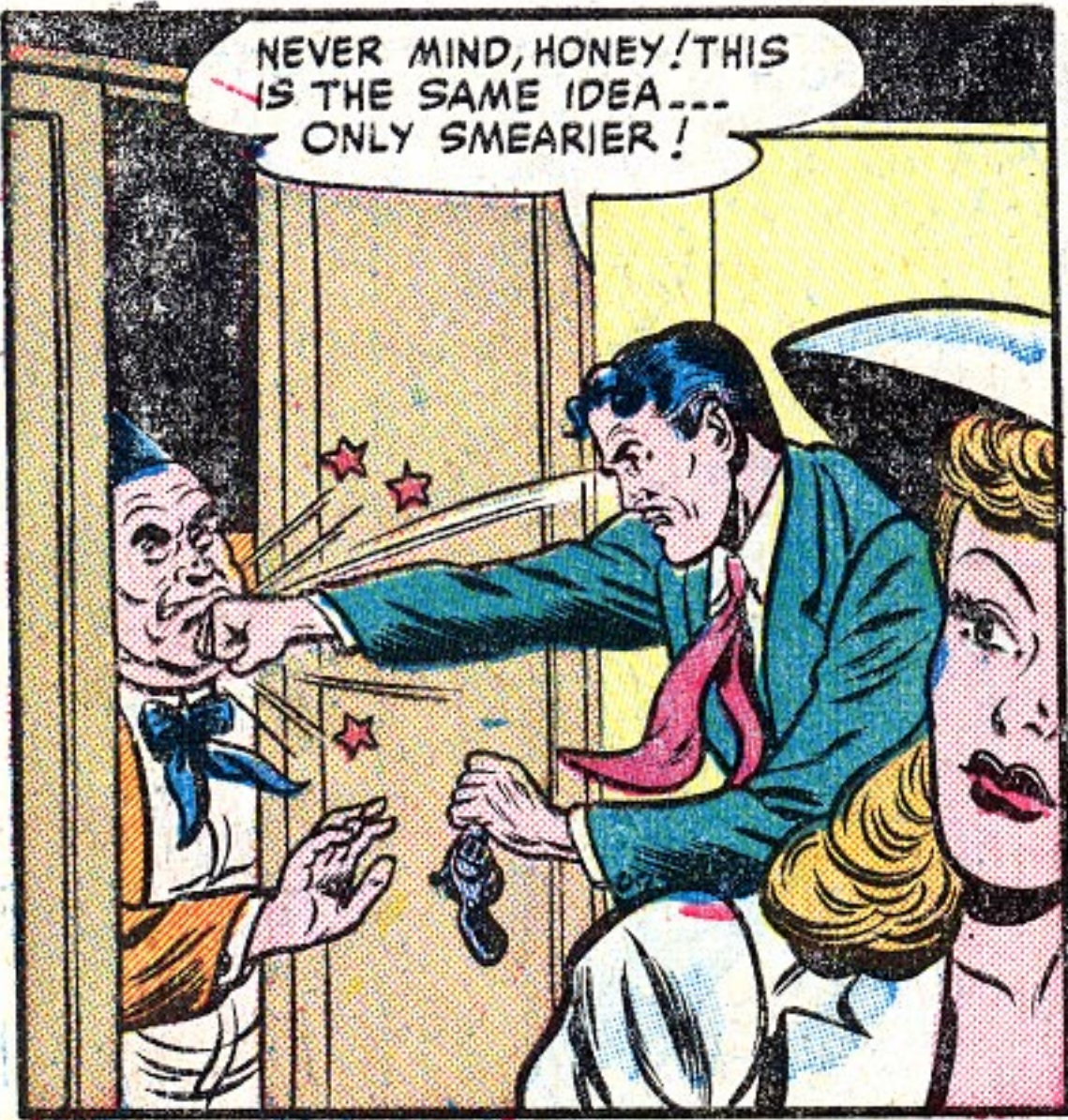
THAT RAT KNOWS I'M IN TOWN... AND KNOWS SHE COULD SPILL HIS BEANS FOR HIM! IF I'M TOO LATE...







NEVER MIND, HONEY! THIS IS THE SAME IDEA... ONLY SMEARIER!



KOGOV WAS TOO SORE TO BE CAUTIOUS NOW! OUTSIDE A GUN OPENED UP... AND I WENT INTO A POWER DIVE... TOO FAST TO ENJOY THE SCENERY!

BANG! BANG!

HANG ON, KITTEN! HERE WE GO!

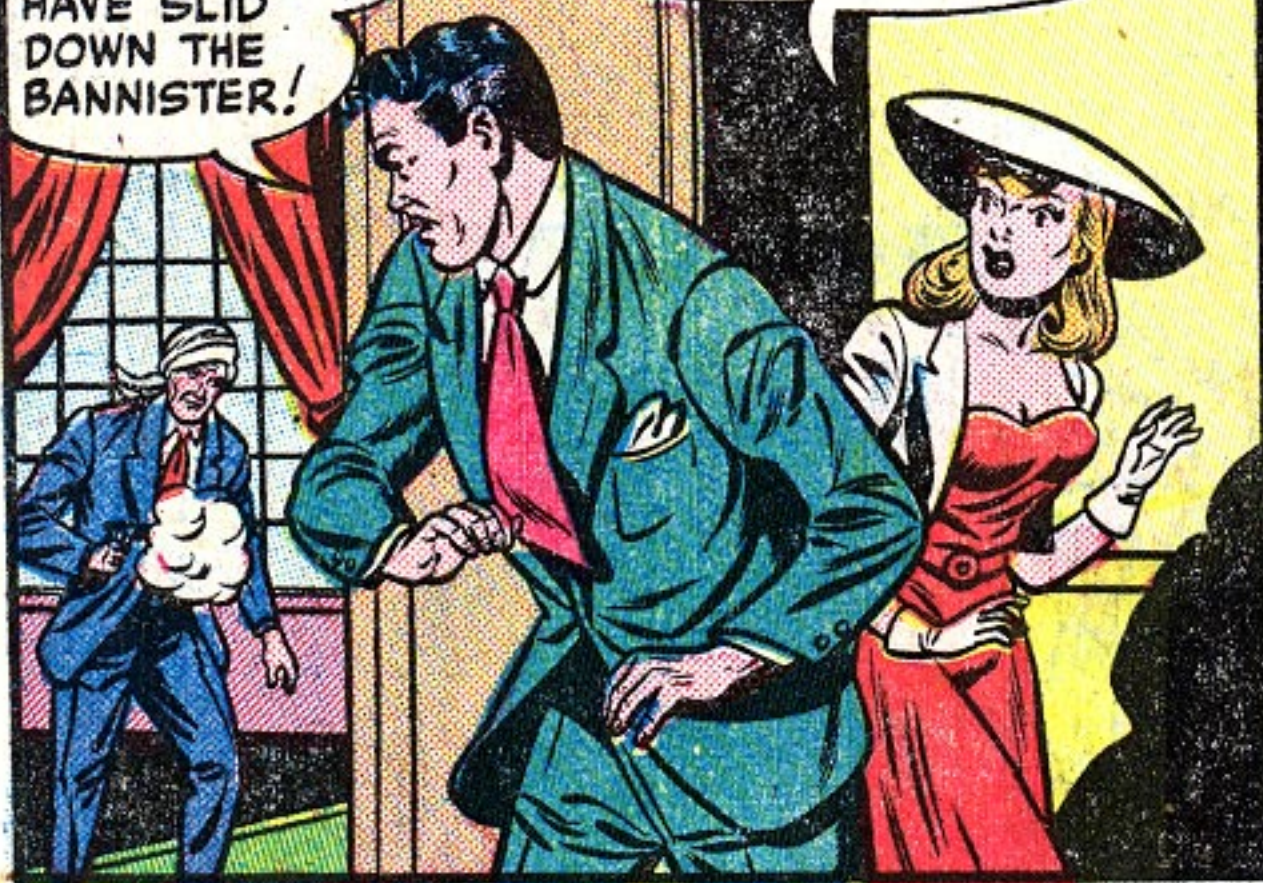
EEEK!



WE HIT THE MAIN FLOOR AND STARTED OUT...

RUN FOR THE STREET AND... EEEOW! KOGOV MUST HAVE SLID DOWN THE BANNISTER!

THERE ARE TELEPHONES IN THE HALLS! HE WOULD CALL THE DESK!



WE SHOT BACK TO THE THIRD FLOOR AND BURST OUT!

CAN'T WE START A FIRE OR SOMETHING TO DRAW THEM OFF?

AFRAID TO, PET! THIS IS A LEGITIMATE HOTEL! WE MIGHT TRAP OLD FOLKS OR CHILDREN! COME ON...



BACK INTO THE ELEVATOR... QUICK!

KILL THEM! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!



YOU... YOU'RE STOPPING BETWEEN FLOORS, MR. TRASK!

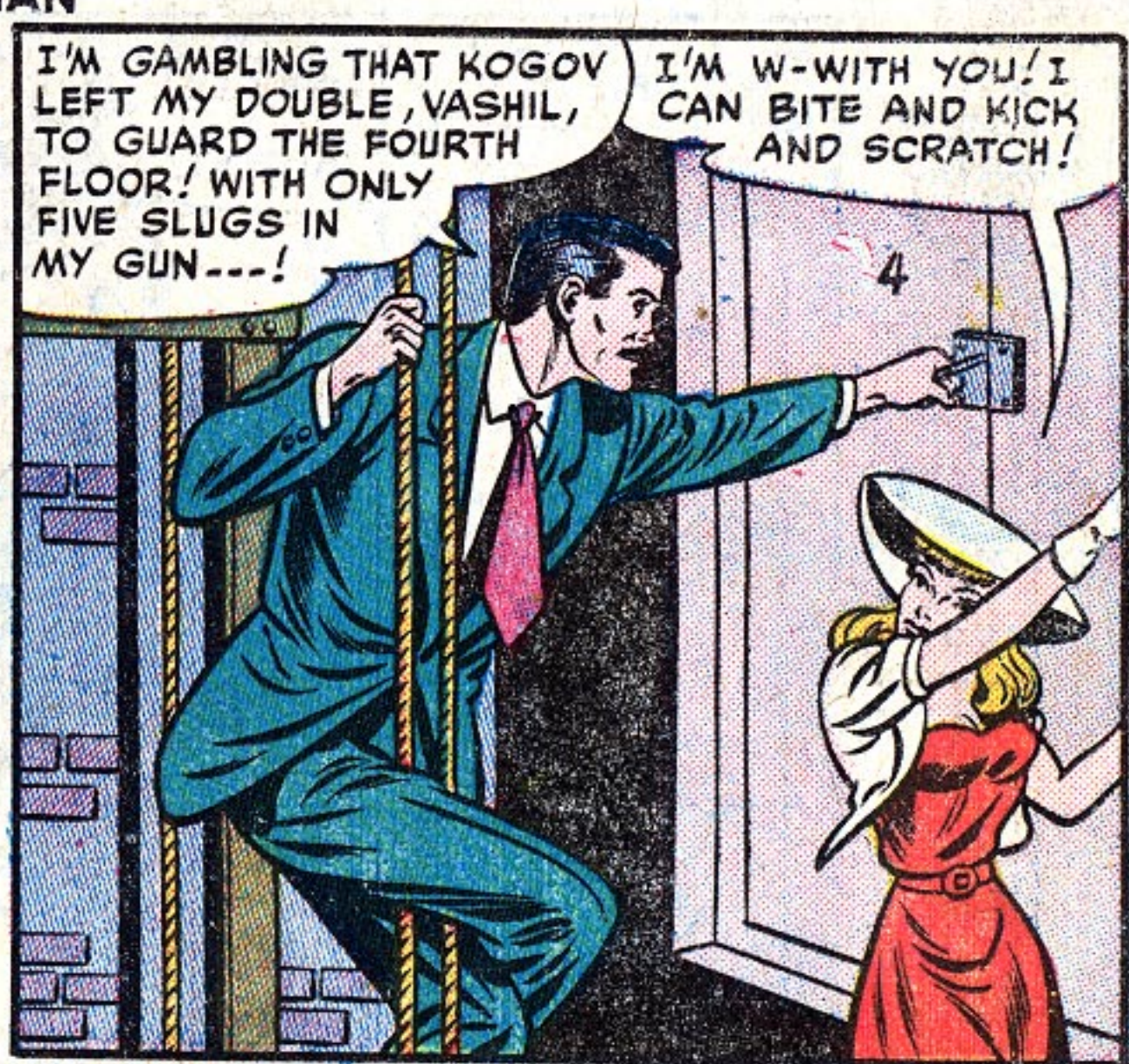
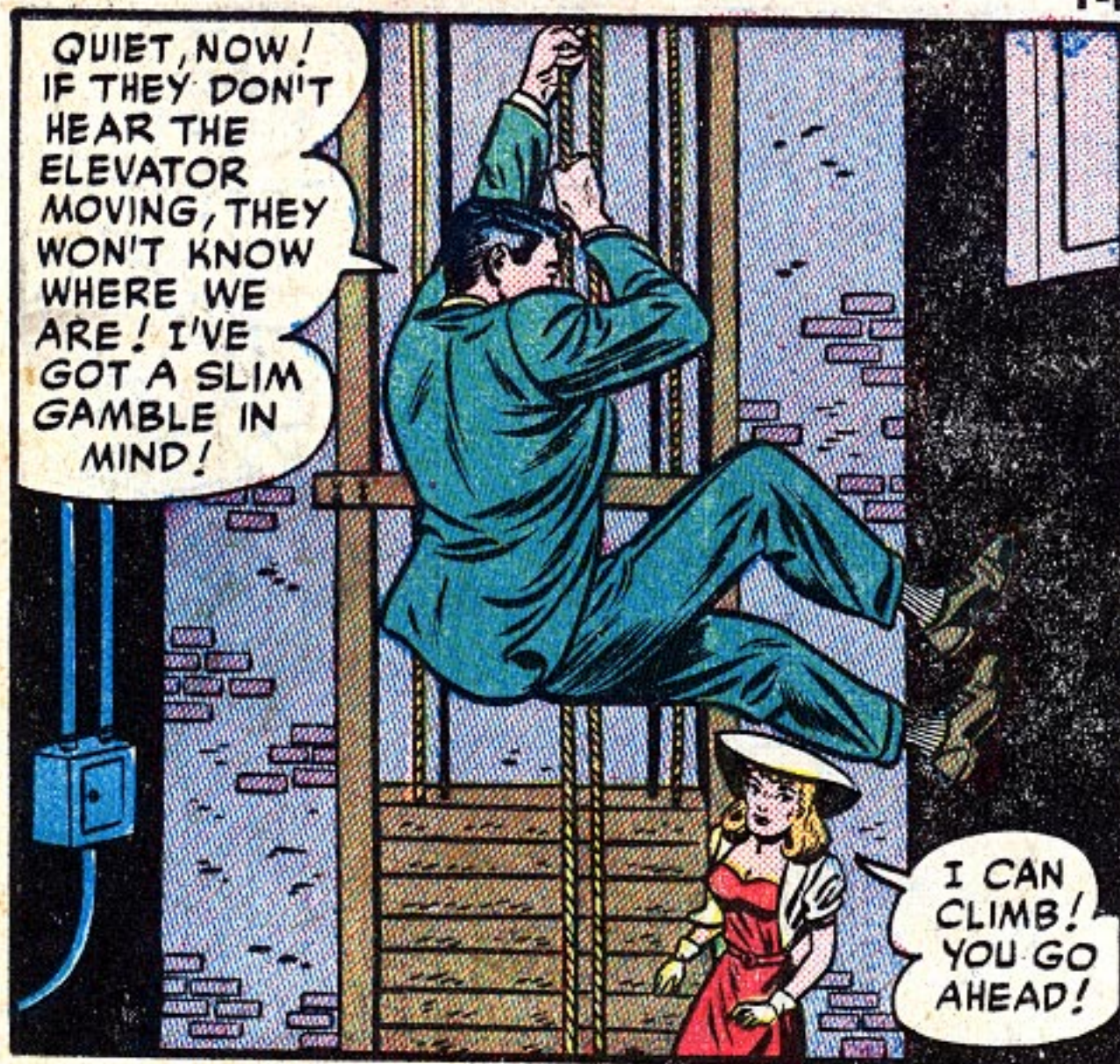
PETE TO YOU, SUGAR! AND THIS IS OUR ONLY HOPE! THEY HAVE ENOUGH GOONS TO COVER EVERY FLOOR IN THIS FLEA-TRAP!



COME ON! I'VE JAMMED THE CONTROLS SO THE CAGE IS LOCKED THERE... I HOPE! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT!

I'M WITH YOU TO THE B-BITTER END... P-PETE!





KOGOV STARTED TO SWEAR AND I SLAPPED HIS FACE ... ABSENT-MINDEDLY FOR-GETTING THE .45 AUTOMATIC IN MY HAND!

SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP, SCREWBALL!

GRAHHH!



THE OTHER ONE! I'LL KILL ... OWOOO!

GRAB HIS GUN, LORNA!



LOOK OUT, PETE---

NICE WORK, KITTEN!



There WAS A SCATTERED FUSILADE OF SHOTS FROM BELOW AND THEN THE CHIEF CAME GALLOPING TO THE RESCUE!

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I REALLY NEEDED YOU?

PETE, YOU'RE OKAY? WE WERE TRYING TO GET IN! THE REDS HAD THE DOORS BARRICADED WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTED!



STOP MOANING, VASHIL! BACK IN RUSSIA YOU'D BE SHOT FOR GETTING MESSED UP WITH A GIRL WHEN YOU WERE ON THE JOB!

I HOPE THEY SEND HIM BACK, THE SLIMY RAT!



MIR REZA CAME, SAW, AND APOLOGIZED! AN OIL TREATY WAS SIGNED THEN AND THERE!

MR. TRASK, I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY! IF THERE IS ANYTHING MY COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU!...

WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SIR, THERE MIGHT BE...



STAND BY TO PHONE YOUR BEST HOSPITAL! I'M ABOUT TO TRY TO KISS A GAL WHO SAVED MY LIFE ... BUT I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT KIND OF SLAP SHE CAN HAND OUT!



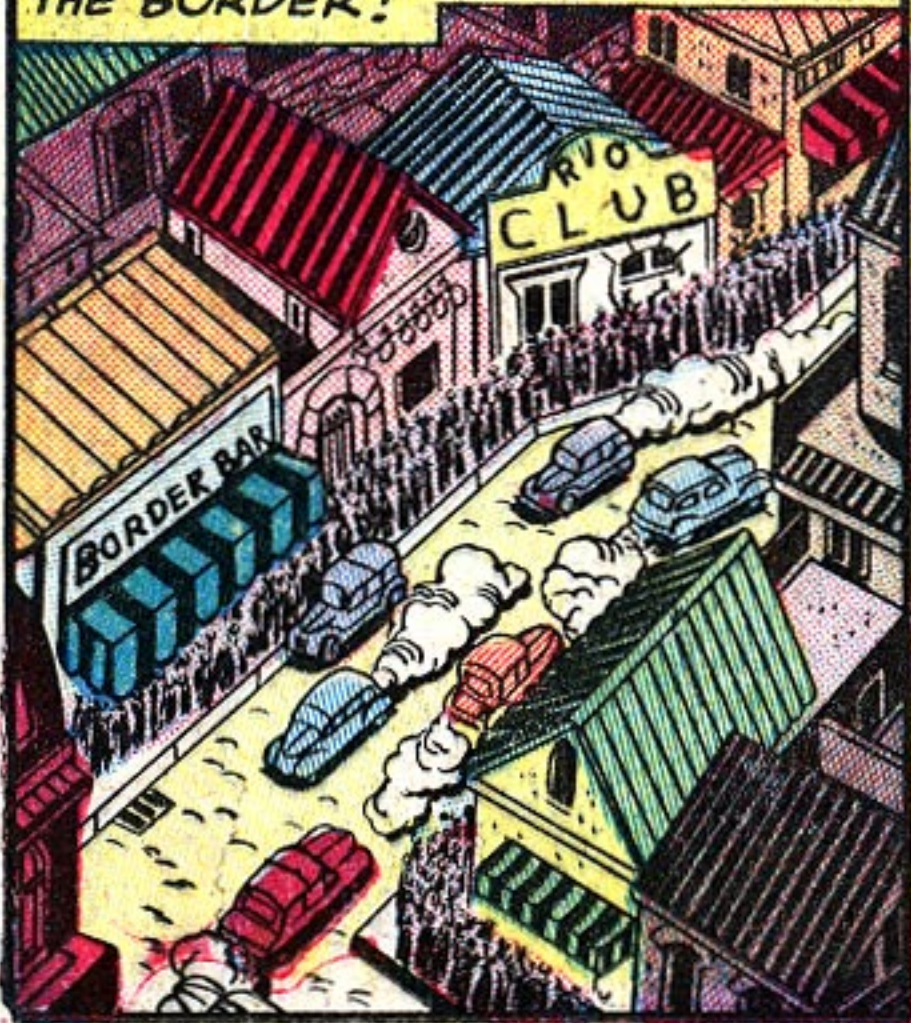
THE CASE OF THE NARCOTIC SMUGGLER

A TRUE CASE
ADAPTED FROM
THE FILES OF THE
U.S. TREASURY DEPT.

IF YOU WANT ACTION, EXCITEMENT,
DANGER, BECOME A U.S. TREASURY
AGENT! THE T-MAN GOES EVERY-
WHERE, DOES EVERYTHING... AND
ALL TOO OFTEN, DEATH DANCES
AT HIS SIDE! BUT YOU HAVE TO BE
A MAN OF VERSATILE TALENTS...
AND NO FEAR... TO GET ON THIS
FORCE! FOLLOW THE THRILL-
PACKED ADVENTURES OF
NARCOTICS AGENT OSCAR. W.
POLCUCH AS HE HURTLES INTO THE...

**"AMBUSH at
WOODBINE CHECK!"**

IN MAY OF 1947, CUSTOMS OFFICERS
LEARNED OF A HUGE NARCOTICS
RING OPERATING IN CALEXICO, ON
THE BORDER!



HEADING THE RING WAS DAPPER
JESUS DEMARA, SELF-STYLED
"AL CAPONE" OF BAJA CALI-
FORNIA!

HE'S A BIG
HOLLYWOOD
NARCOTICS
BUYER, JUAN!
WATCH HIM!
MAYBE WE CAN
UNLOAD EVERY-
THING ON HIM!

SI, JESUS!
BUT IF WE DO,
WE MUST SHOOT
THE COMPETITION!
THEY ARE ALL
AFTER HIM!



POSING AS THE "BIG HOLLY-
WOOD BUYER" WAS OSCAR W.
POLCUCH, TOP-NOTCH NARCO-
TICS AGENT...

AS YOU SEE,
I HAVE THE
CASH FOR
THE OPIUM I
ORDERED!

BUENA! IT IS
GOOD! THE
DELIVERY WILL
BE MADE ON
SCHEDULE,
SENOR!



BUT POLCUCH'S "ORDER" OF OPIUM WAS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS AS IT WAS BEING DELIVERED FROM MEXICO!

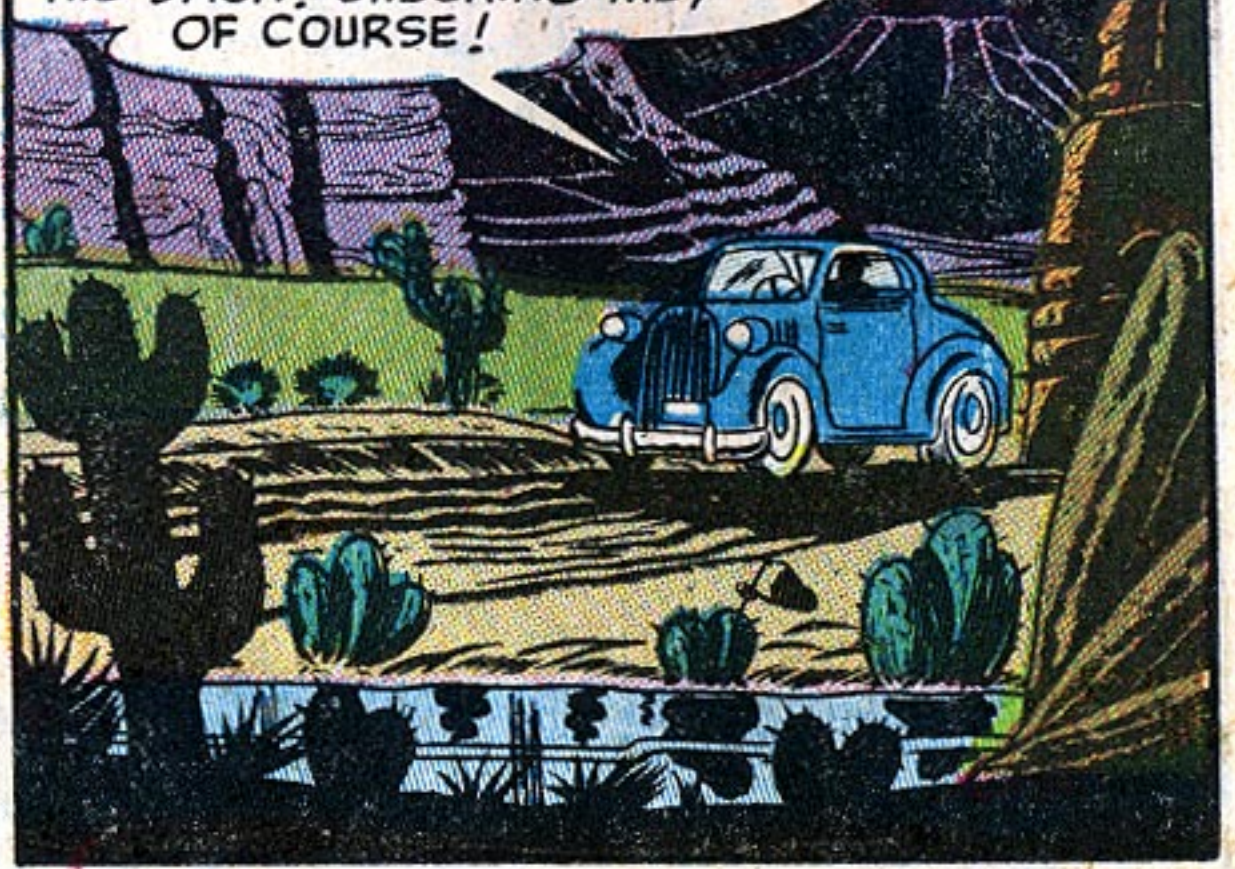
EVA PEREZ CRUZ, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF NARCOTICS!

NO, NO! I TELL YOU I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT OPIUM IN MY CAR!



SUSPICIOUS OF POLCUCH, THE SMUGGLERS MADE MANY FALSE APPOINTMENTS TO TEST HIM!

COYOTE SPRING! THE FIFTH TIME THEY'VE LEFT ME HOLDING THE SACK! CHECKING ME, OF COURSE!



FINALLY, ON JUNE 22ND, THE BREAK CAME!

SO THEY'RE GOING TO DELIVER 138 FIVE-TAEL CANS OF OPIUM TO ME TONIGHT AT WOODBINE CHECK!



THAT'S RIGHT... WOODBINE CHECK! THIS MAY BE IT, BOYS, SO GET OVER HERE FAST!



EARLY THAT EVENING, IN A GARAGE, POLCUCH AND OTHER CUSTOMS MEN MADE PLANS!

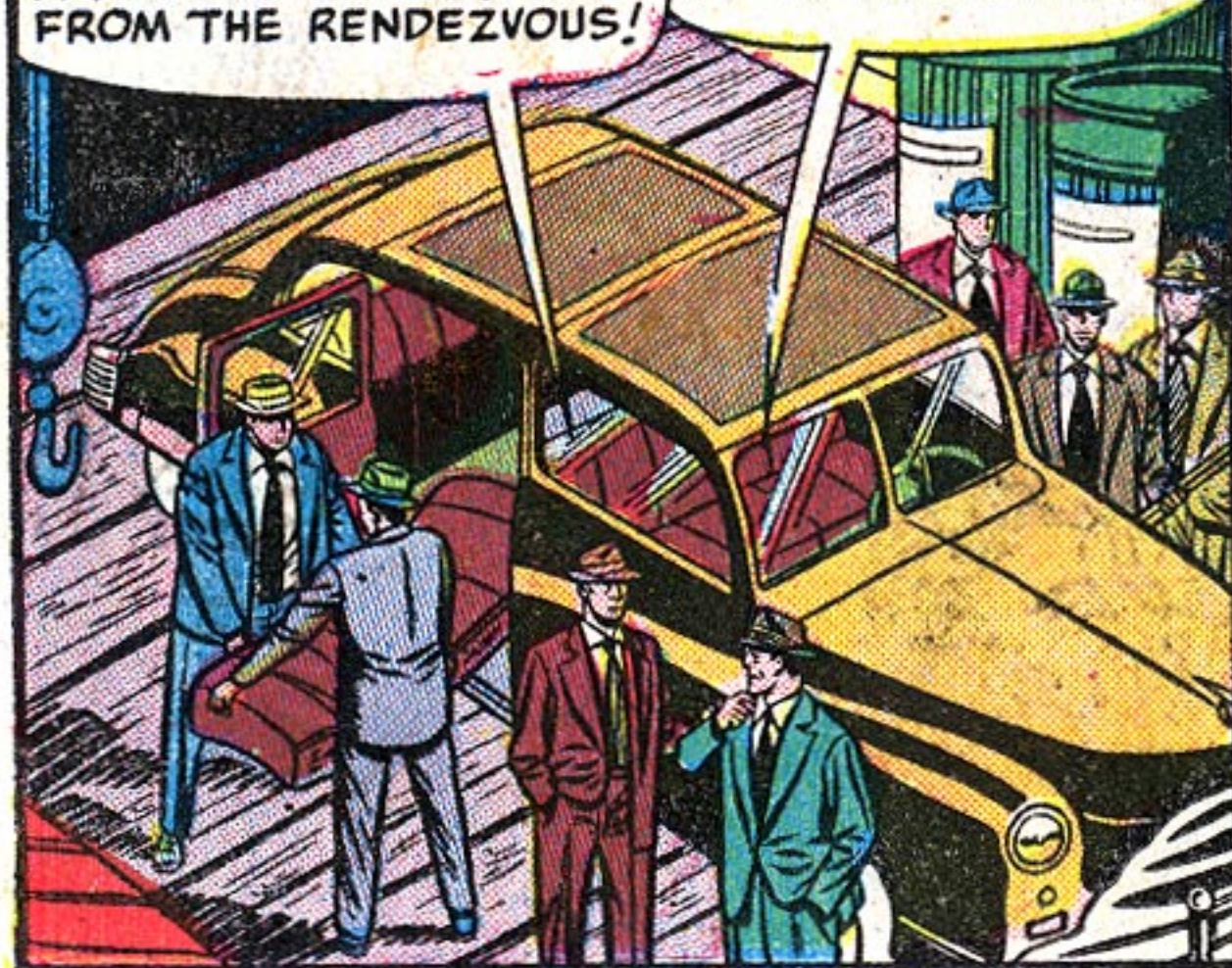
THEY'LL BE WATCHING, SO I'VE GOT TO GO IT ALONE, BOYS!

THAT'S SUICIDE, OSCAR! I SAY A COUPLE OF US WILL HIDE IN THE BACK OF YOUR CAR!



AND WE'LL SEND A COUPLE OF BOYS OUT TO THAT OLD BUILDING A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE RENDEZVOUS!

MAY BE A GOOD PLAN! I'VE GOT A FUNNY HUNCH THAT MOB IS UP TO SOMETHING!



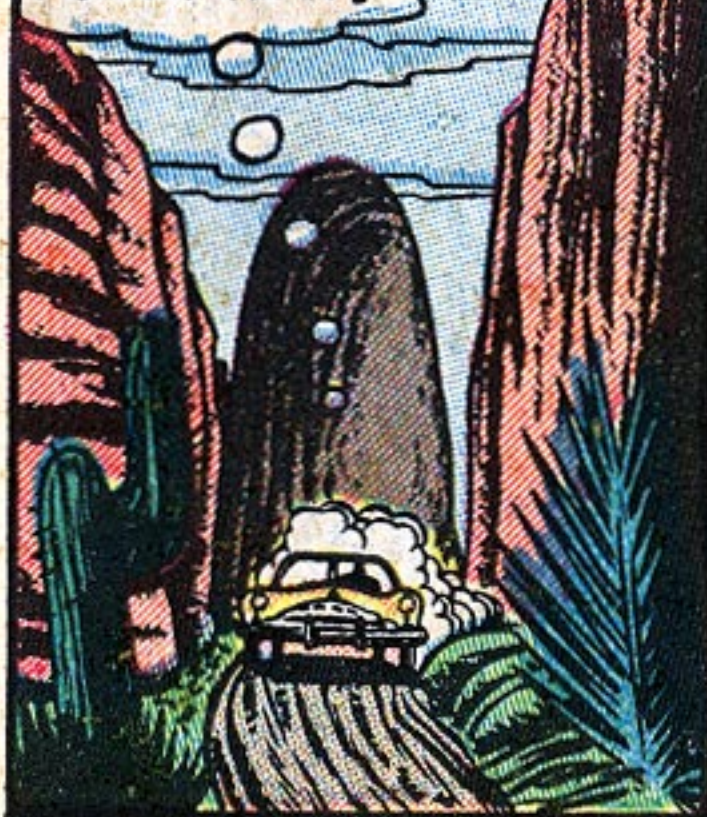
COVERED WITH THIS BLANKET AND SUITCASES, YOU'LL LOOK JUST LIKE A PILE OF LUGGAGE!

ONLY BAD THING IS WE'LL BE BLIND TILL THE ACTION BEGINS!



JUST AFTER SEVEN, POLCUCH HEADED FOR WOODBINE CHECK --- AND POSSIBLE DEATH!

TOUGHT TO BE THERE ABOUT NOW!



WOODBINE CHECK IS ON THE ALL-AMERICAN CANAL, WHICH IS RIGHT ON THE BORDER!

A GREAT SPOT FOR AN AMBUSH --- IN CASE THOSE DOPE PEDDLERS HAVE ANY IDEAS!



THREE OF 'EM! ARMED TO THE TEETH, TOO! WELL, IT'S MY FIRST MOVE!



BUENOS DIAS, SENORES! DID YOU BRING THE... GOODS?

WE BROUGHT IT! AND YOU, SENOR... YOU BROUGHT THE MONEY?



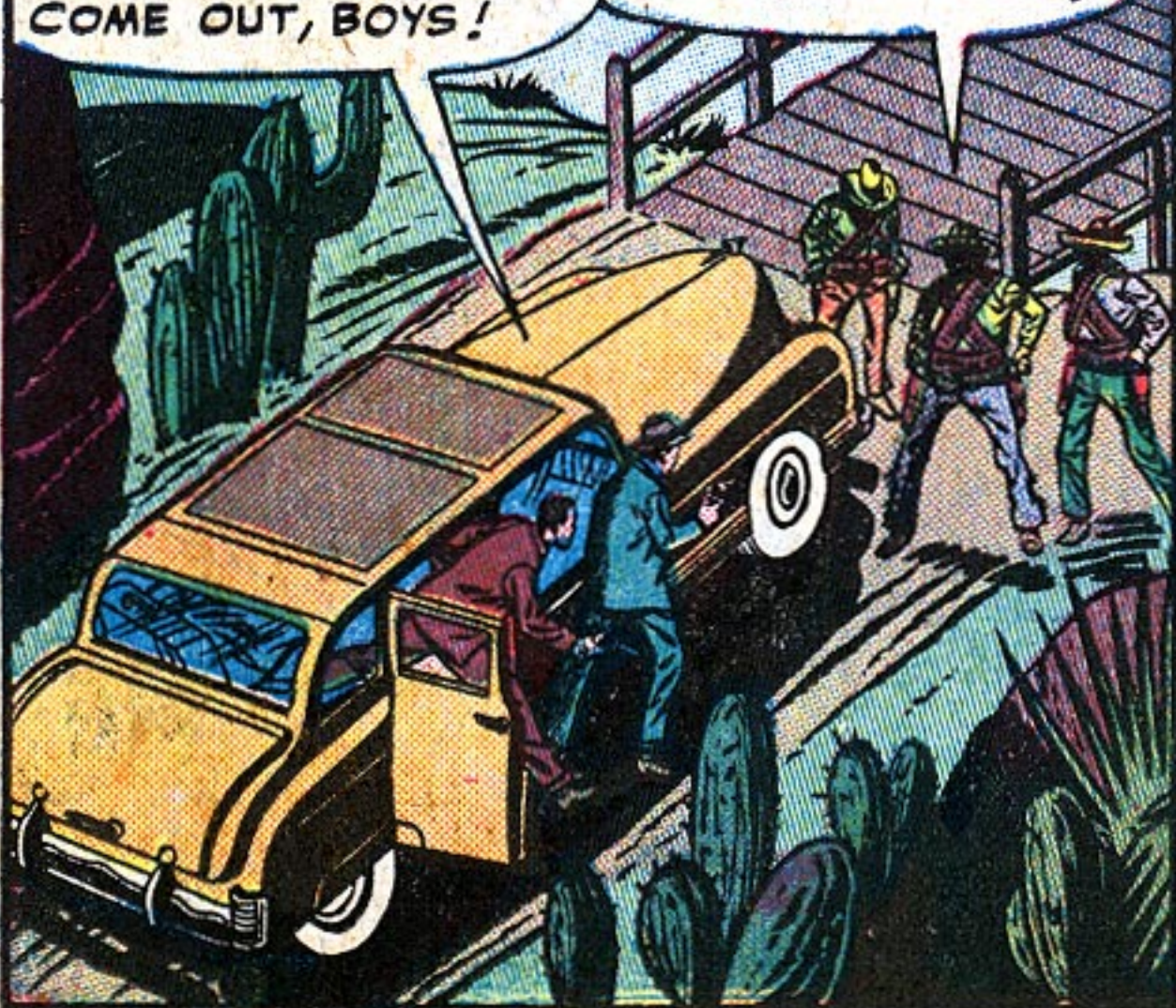
I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU PUT THE STUFF IN THE CAR, SENOR DEMARA! THEN I'LL PAY YOU!

AS YOU SAY, SENOR!



SORRY, DEMARA! WE'RE TAKING OVER! COME OUT, BOYS!

WHY, YOU... IT'S A DOUBLE-CROSS!



DEVILS! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT WAS A TRICK!

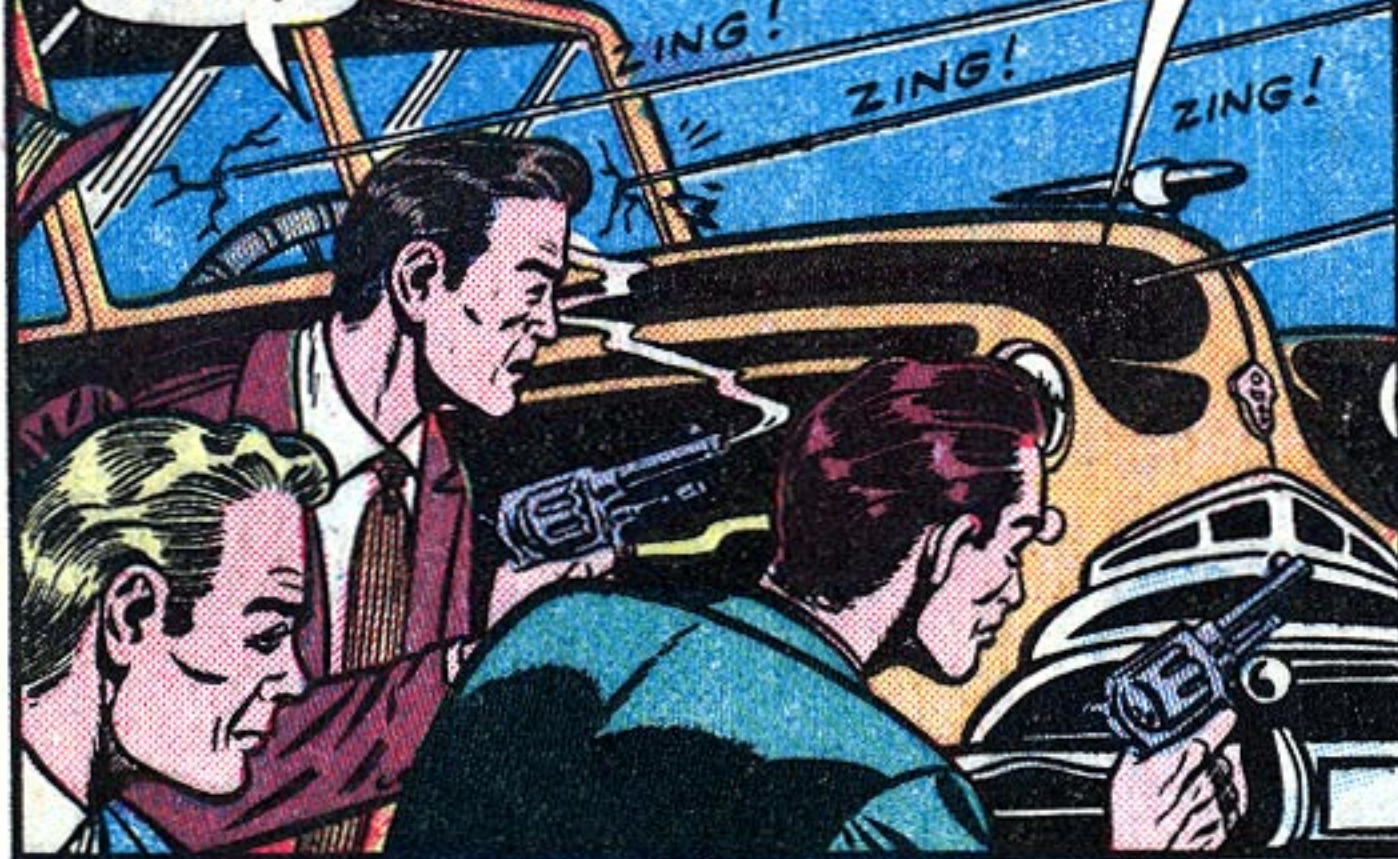
DROP YOUR GUN, DEMARA, OR WE'LL DROP YOU!



IT WAS A VIVID DUEL IN DARKNESS!

DOWN, BOYS! A COUPLE OF GUYS WITH RIFLES HAVE JOINED THE FIGHT!

YEAH, I THOUGHT I HEARD A .30 CALIBRE SLAM!



CARAMBA! IT IS GOOD THAT JESUS HAD US COME! I'LL GET ONE!



BUT THE RIFLEMAN SPOKE TOO SOON!

THAT'LL STOP YOUR SMUGGLING DAYS FOR A WHILE!



OWW-WW!



THE TWO CUSTOMS MEN WHO HAD HID IN A NEARBY BUILDING, JOIN THE BATTLE!

GLAD YOU'RE HERE, BOYS! THEY MUST'VE SUSPECTED US FROM THE FIRST AND LAID AN AMBUSH!



WE'LL NEVER NAB 'EM THIS WAY! LET'S SPREAD OUT---FLANK THEM!

I'LL TAKE THE LEFT!



YIPE! ONE OF THOSE SLUGS STUNG MY EAR!





GOOD THING THEY
HAVEN'T GOT A
TOMMY GUN!

ZING!



ONE OF THE SMUGGLERS APPEARED TO WELCOME
CAPTURE!

HONEST, SENOR,
I NEVER FIRED A
SHOT! I SURRENDER!
BUT PLEASE DON'T
KILL ME!

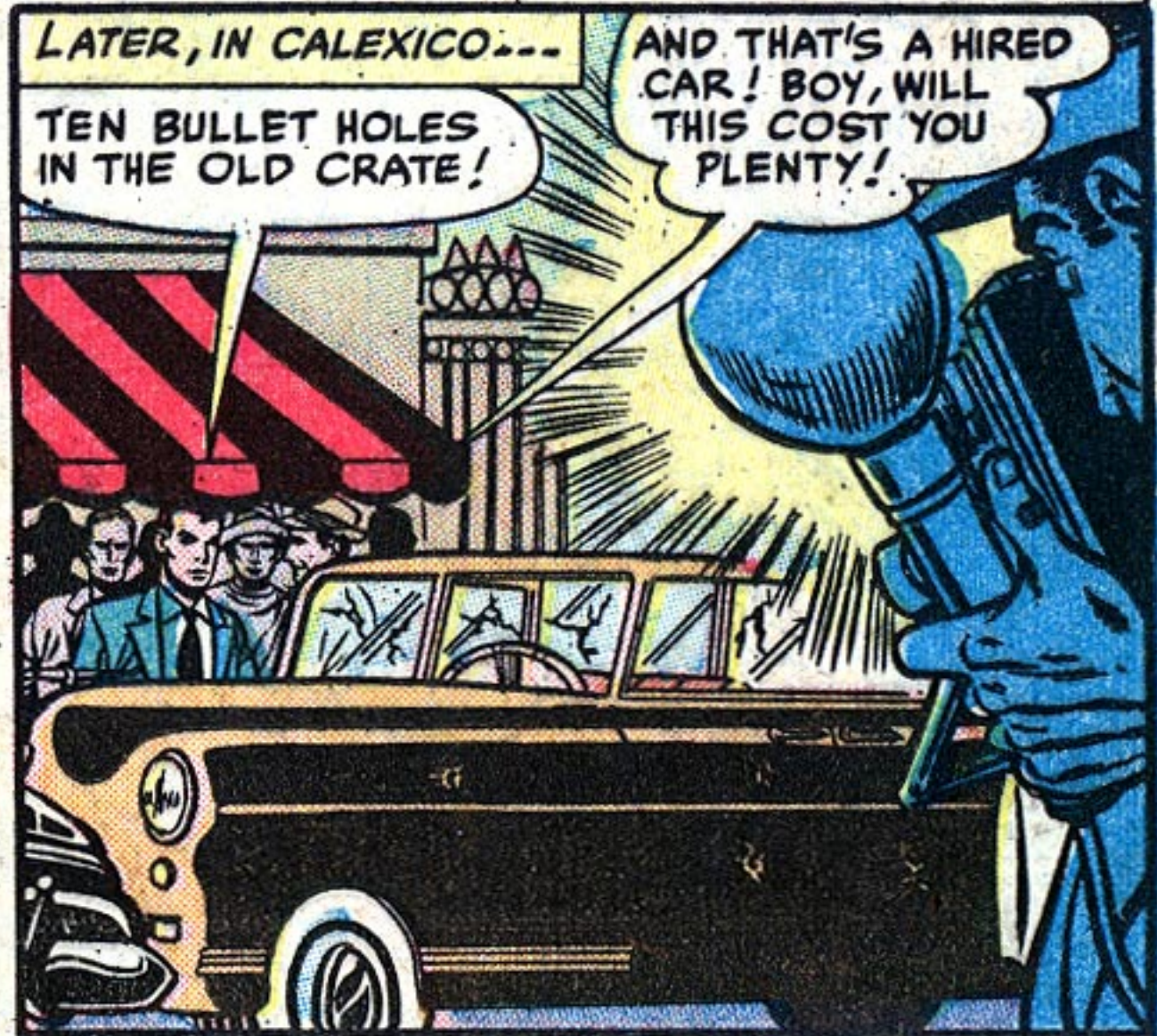
ALL RIGHT! I'LL JUST
SNAP THE CUFFS ON YOU
AND TAKE YOU BACK
TO THE CAR!



A HALF HOUR LATER THE FIGHT WAS OVER...
AND ONLY ONE MAN IN CUSTODY!

THREE OF THEM YELLED,
SO THEY MUST HAVE BEEN
HIT! WELL, WE MIGHT AS
WELL GET BACK TO
TOWN!

AT LEAST
WE HAVE THE
OPIUM!



LATER, IN CALEXICO...

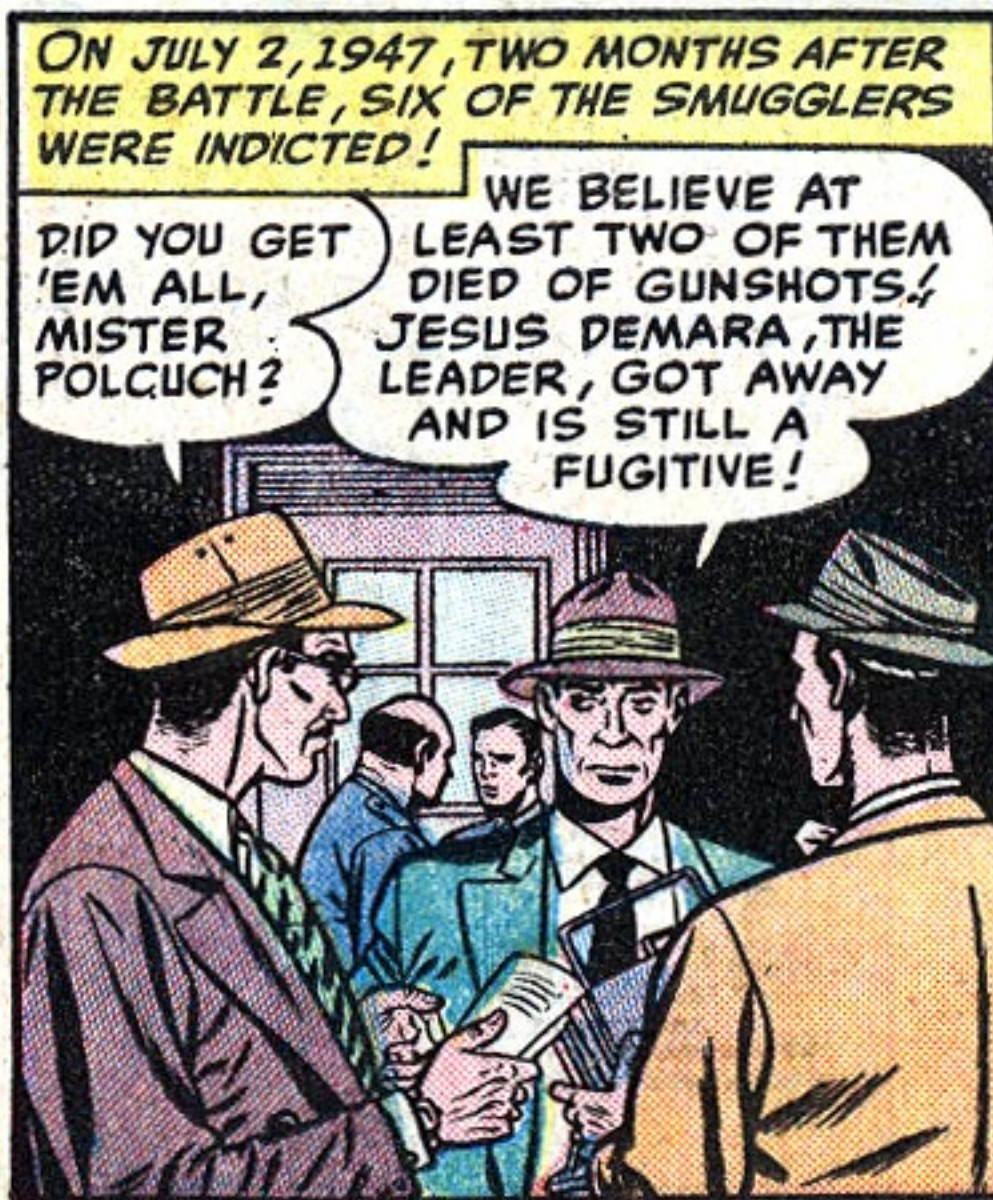
TEN BULLET HOLES
IN THE OLD CRATE!

AND THAT'S A HIRED
CAR! BOY, WILL
THIS COST YOU
PLENTY!



SO POLICE CHIEF JUAN ADARGA
GOT ASSASSINATED BECAUSE
HE REFUSED TO GIVE THE
SMUGGLERS SAFE CONDUCT
ACROSS THE
BORDER!

AND THEY
RETALIATED BY
MACHINE-GUNNING
HIM!



ON JULY 2, 1947, TWO MONTHS AFTER
THE BATTLE, SIX OF THE SMUGGLERS
WERE INDICTED!

DID YOU GET
'EM ALL,
MISTER
POLCUCH?

WE BELIEVE AT
LEAST TWO OF THEM
DIED OF GUNSHOTS.
JESUS DEMARA, THE
LEADER, GOT AWAY
AND IS STILL A
FUGITIVE!



BREAKING A NARCOTICS
RING IS ROUTINE STUFF
WITH OSCAR POLCUCH,
T-MAN!

WE'LL GET
DEMARA SOME DAY!
THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENT HAS
LONG ARMS...
AND LOTS OF THEM!

T-MAN

LIKE THE U.S. MARINES, A TREASURY AGENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY... ON LAND, ON SEA, OR IN THE AIR! THAT'S OKAY WITH ME, AS LONG AS I'VE GOT A CHANCE TO HIT BACK WHEN THE FIGHT STARTS! BUT DELIVER ME FROM ANY MORE SALT WATER SHINDIGS THAT SEND ME DOWN UNDER THE BRINY TO FACE DEATH in the DEEP!



THE PACIFIC CRUISE SHIP, LUA, WAS MAKING A CIRCLE TOUR OF THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS IN MARCH, 1950...

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE! WE ARE PASSING THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF MATU HITI...



THE SHIP'S ENGINES WILL BE SHUT DOWN FOR TEN MINUTES SO YOU CAN HEAR THE NATIVE DRUMS!

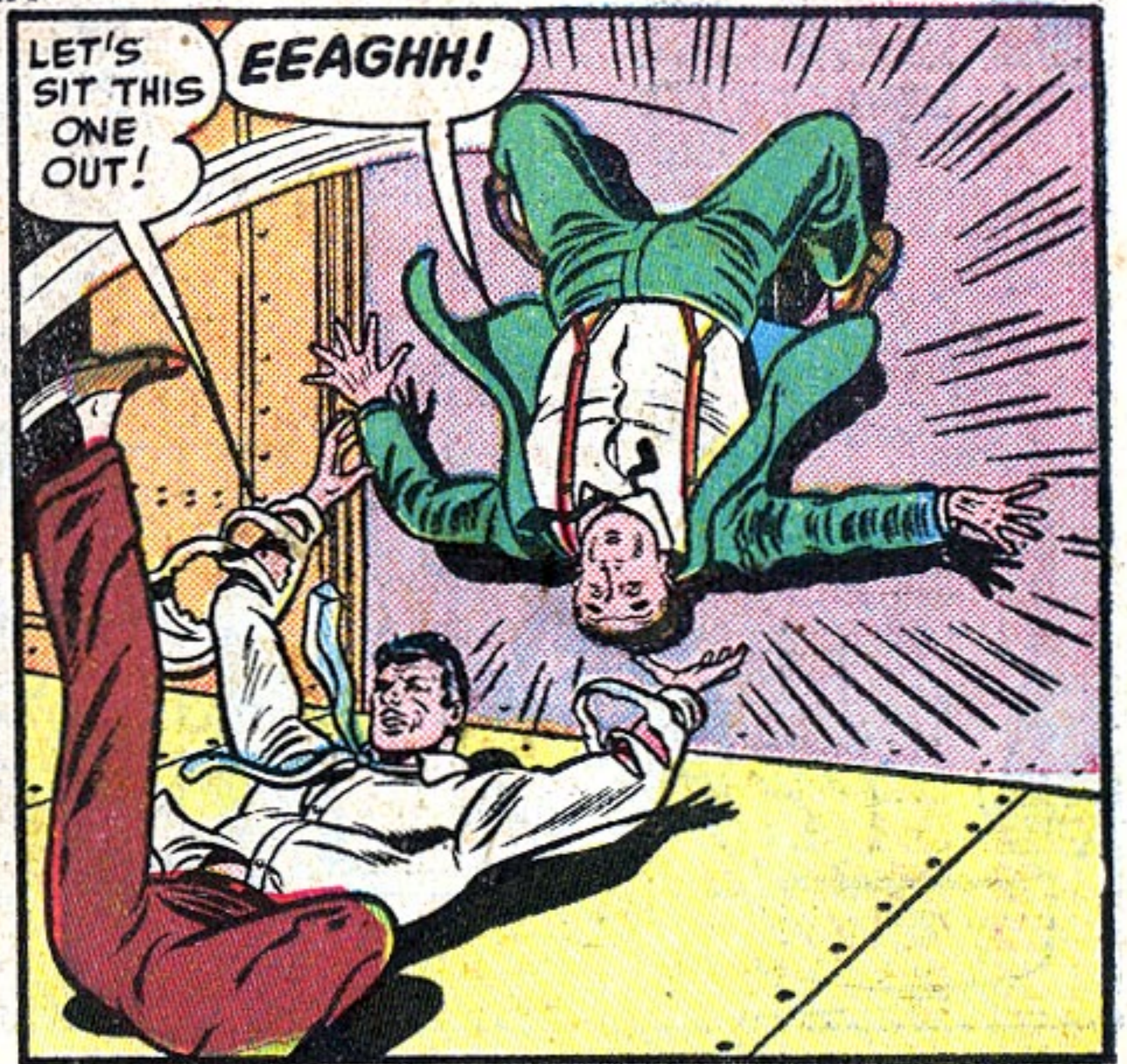


I HEARD THE ENGINES STOP BUT I WAS TOO BUSY TO ENJOY THE DRUMS! I WAS BELOW-DECKS, WALTZING WITH ONE OF STALIN'S CLOWNS...

FILTHY...CAPITALIST SWINE!

SAME OLD PARTY LINE MALARKEY, EH, VOROV?





I TOOK OVER THE RADIO ROOM TO CONTACT THE CHIEF OF OUR SINGAPORE OFFICE!

...OUR ENGINES WERE OFF AND THEY DIDN'T HEAR! THEY SURFACED RIGHT UNDER OUR BOW AND GOT CUT DOWN!

WE'RE SENDING A NAVY SALVAGE TUG AT ONCE, PETE! STAY THERE AND DON'T LET ANYONE ELSE REACH THAT SUB!

STAY THERE, THE MAN SAYS! AND WHAT DO I SIT ON WHEN THE LUA LEAVES?

SIT ON A WAVE AND LET YOUR FEET HANG OVER! SIT ON ANYTHING... BUT GUARD THAT SUB WITH YOUR LIFE!

IT TURNED OUT THE LUA WASN'T GOING ANYWHERE! I GOT THE NEWS FROM CAPTAIN CARSE ON THE BRIDGE!

WE SLID OVER THE SUB AND BROKE OFF BOTH SCREWS! WE'VE GOT TO ANCHOR HERE UNTIL REPAIRS CAN BE MADE!

WHEW! I FEEL BETTER! ANY TRACE OF THE SUB?

NOT EVEN A NOISE ON OUR SOUND GEAR! SURELY SOME OF THE CREW SURVIVED!

THEY'RE LYING LOW, HOPING YOU'LL LEAVE... BUT DON'T ASK ME WHY! MAYBE VOROV KNOWS THE ANSWERS... WHEN I FIND THE RAT!

BUT FINDING VOROV WASN'T SO EASY! I KEPT WORKING DOWNWARD!

NOT HERE! BUT THERE'S STILL THE CARGO HOLD AND KEEL SPACE!

Then I HIT THE JACKPOT!

BINGO! SOMEBODY'S TAPPING OUT CODE ON THE KEEL PLATES! THAT COULD ONLY BE VOROV TRYING TO SIGNAL THE SUB!

TAP TAP TAP

I COULD READ THE TAPS, THANKS TO THE WEARY WEEKS I SPENT LEARNING RUSSIAN AT THE BUREAU ACADEMY!

DESTROY... RAKETNITSA AT... ALL... COST! STAY QUIET!

TAP TAP



RAKETNITSA! THAT'S RUSSIAN FOR ROCKET-LAUNCHER! SO THAT'S WHY THE SUB'S LYING QUIET! SHE'S EQUIPPED WITH SOME NEW GADGET UNDER TEST!



THANKS FOR TELLING THEM TO STAY PUT, VOROV! A NAVY SALVAGE BOAT WILL BE HERE TOMORROW MORNING TO LOOK OVER YOUR NEW ROCKET-LAUNCHER!

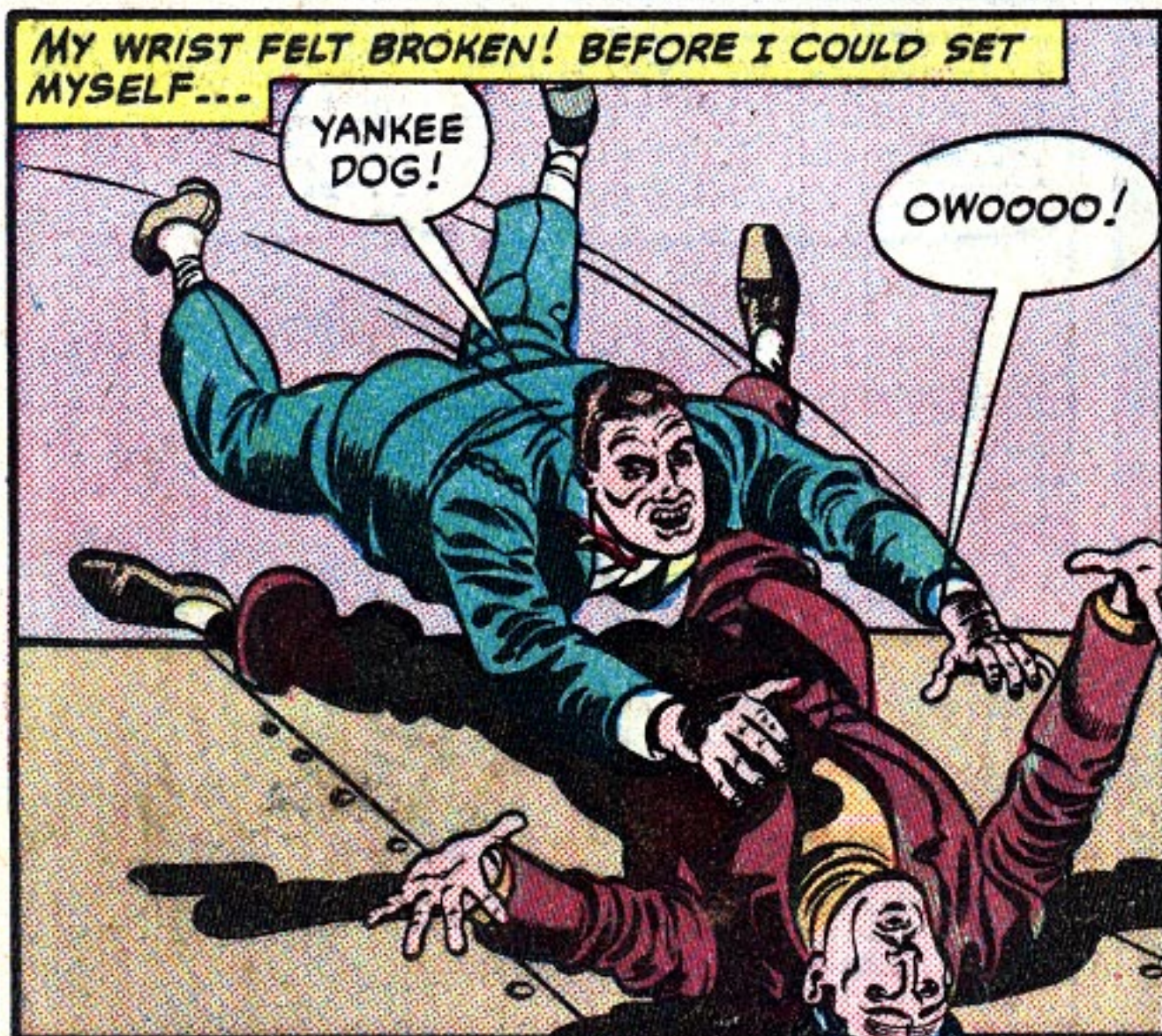
YOU! YOU HEARD...



VOROV MOVED LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING!

OWOOO!

YOU'LL NEVER LEARN OUR SECRET UNTIL WE USE IT ON YOUR SHIPS!



MY WRIST FELT BROKEN! BEFORE I COULD SET MYSELF...

YANKEE DOG!

OWOOOO!



OOO, WHAT A PRIZE SAP I MADE OF MYSELF THIS TIME!



ARGHHH!

THIS IS GETTING MONOTONOUS!



I'M NOT TAKING ANY MORE CHANCES, BUSTER! SLEEP TIGHT!

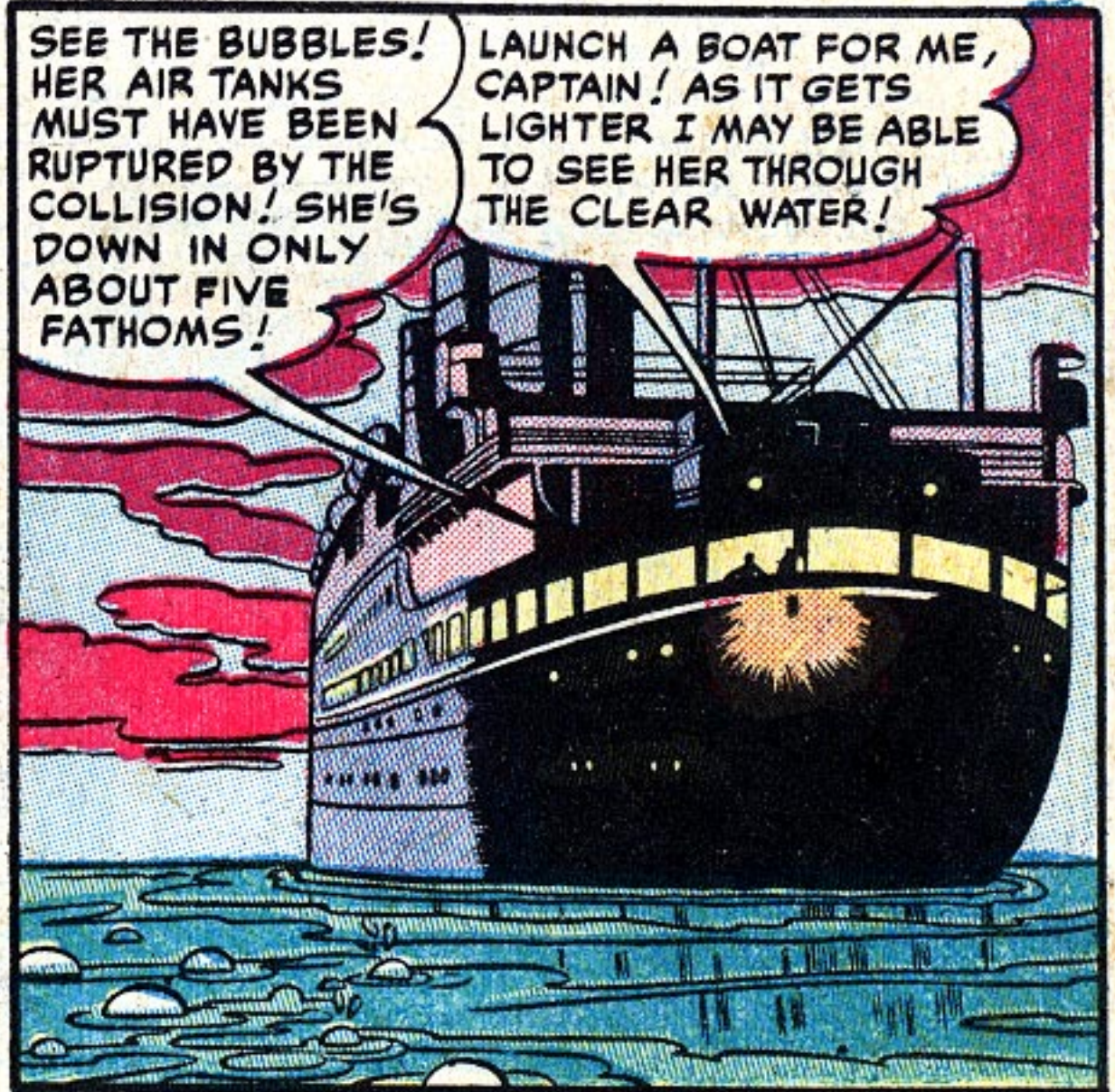
TWO OF THE LUA'S SEAMEN HAULED VOROV TO THE BRIG!

COME ON DECK, TRASK!
DAWN IS BREAKING AND I
THINK WE'VE FOUND THE
SUB!



SEE THE BUBBLES!
HER AIR TANKS
MUST HAVE BEEN
RUPTURED BY THE
COLLISION! SHE'S
DOWN IN ONLY
ABOUT FIVE
FATHOMS!

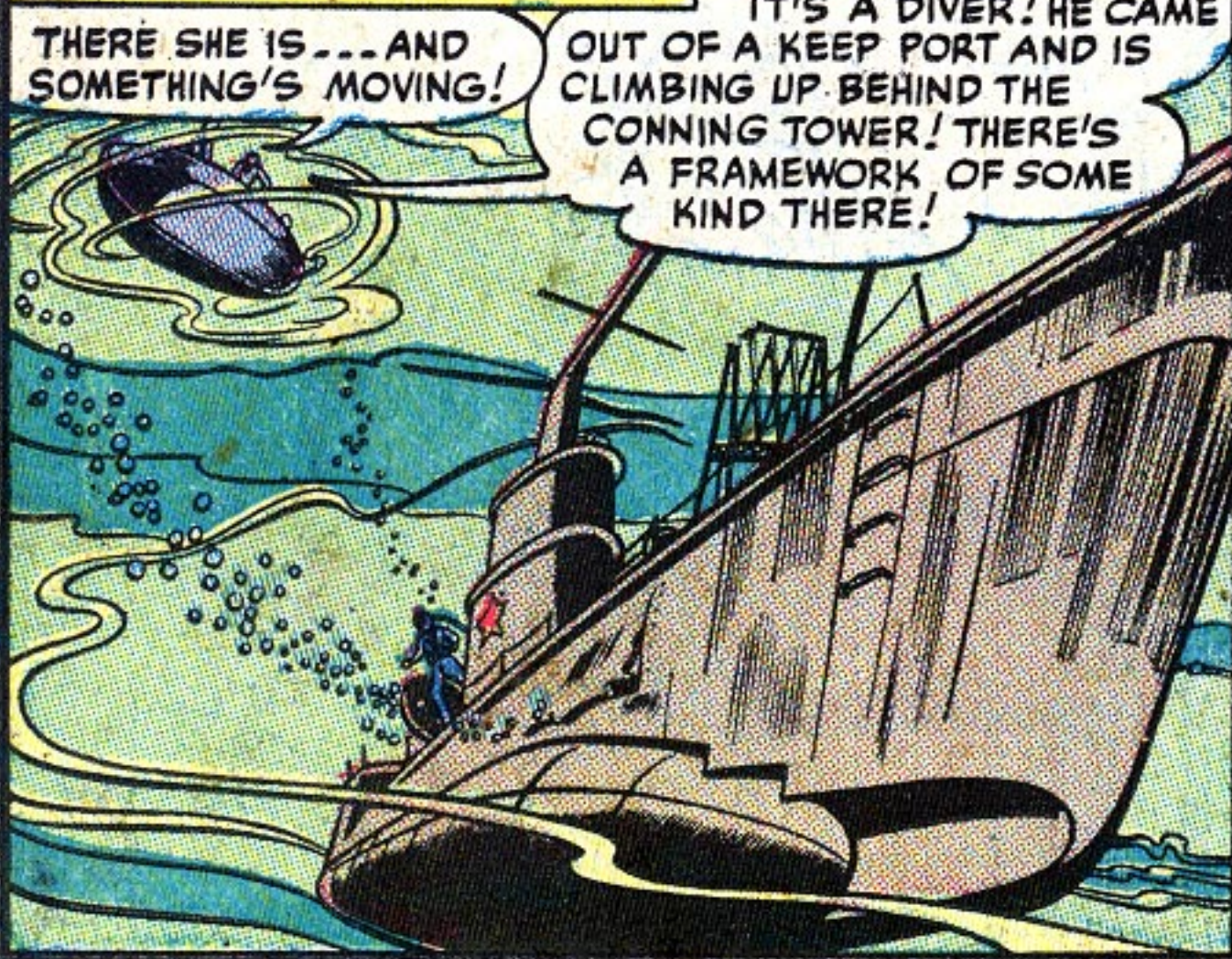
LAUNCH A BOAT FOR ME,
CAPTAIN! AS IT GETS
LIGHTER I MAY BE ABLE
TO SEE HER THROUGH
THE CLEAR WATER!



WE FOUND THE SUB, ALL RIGHT, AND SOMETHING ELSE
I HADN'T BARGAINED FOR!

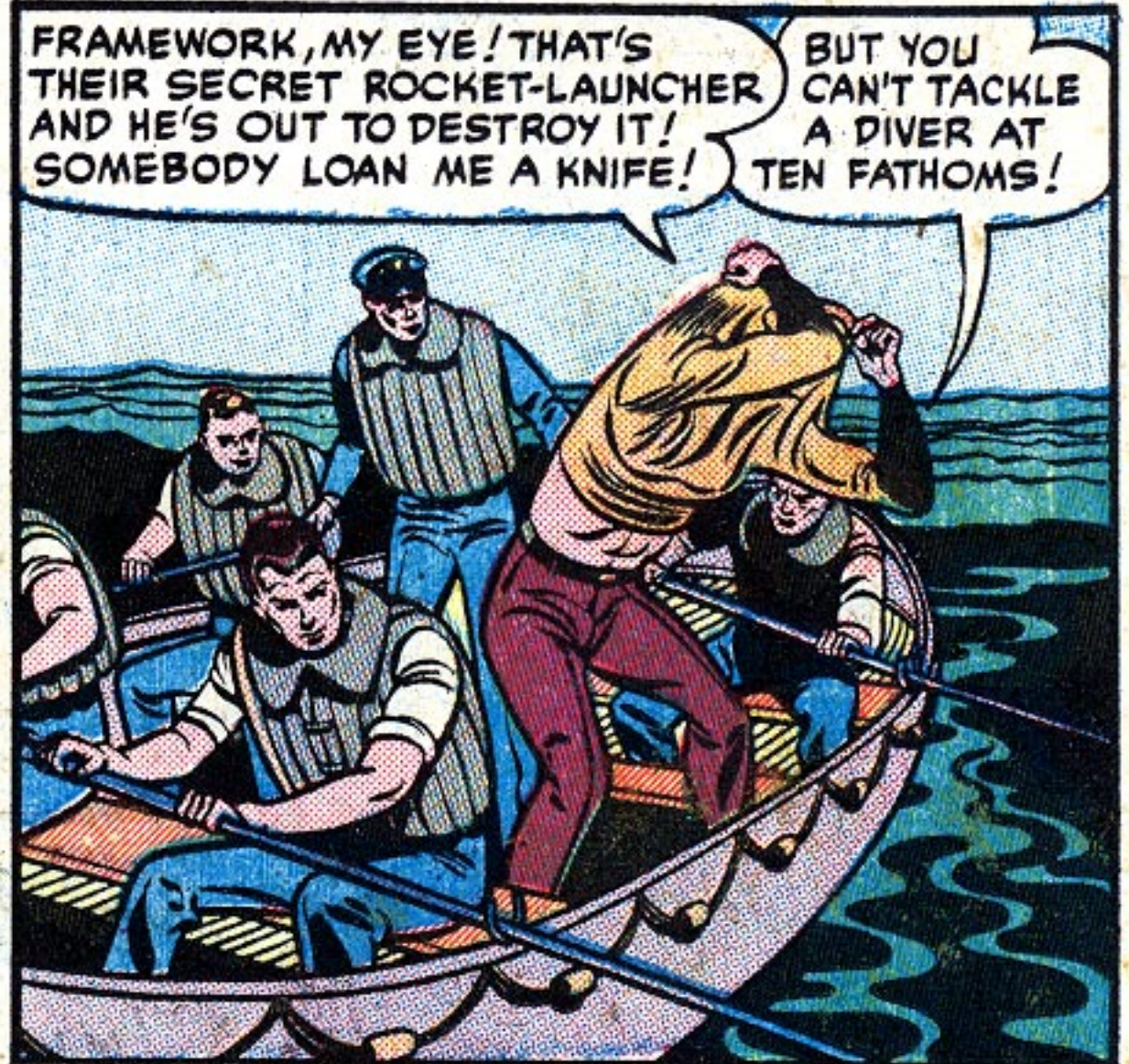
THERE SHE IS... AND
SOMETHING'S MOVING!

IT'S A DIVER! HE CAME
OUT OF A KEEP PORT AND IS
CLIMBING UP BEHIND THE
CONNING TOWER! THERE'S
A FRAMEWORK OF SOME
KIND THERE!



FRAMEWORK, MY EYE! THAT'S
THEIR SECRET ROCKET-LAUNCHER
AND HE'S OUT TO DESTROY IT!
SOMEBODY LOAN ME A KNIFE!

BUT YOU
CAN'T TACKLE
A DIVER AT
TEN FATHOMS!



I'D RATHER TACKLE A DIVER
THAN MY CHIEF IF I LET THE
REDS DESTROY
THEIR NEW
SECRET
WEAPON!



DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS, THAT
RUSSKY CAME OUT TO PLANT
A DEMOLITION CHARGE ON
THAT LAUNCHER!



I WAS RIGHT! NOW ALL
I HAVE TO DO IS
STOP HIM!



MY LUNGS WERE ACHING BUT I DROVE AT THE RUSSKY!
A LUCKY SLASH MADE HIM DROP THE DEMOLITION CHARGE!

IF I DON'T FINISH HIM,
HE'LL FIND IT AGAIN AND
PLANT IT WHEN I GO UP
FOR AIR!



GOT TO FINISH THIS...
GET UP FAST! CAN'T
HOLD OUT... MUCH
LONGER!



I'M WEAKENING... AND
HE'S STRONGER THAN...
EVER...

IT WAS
CRAZY,
DOING
SLOW-
MOTION
SOMER-
SAULTS
AS WE
FOUGHT!
MY EARS
WERE
POUNDING,
MY EYES
FULL OF
FLASHING
LIGHTS!

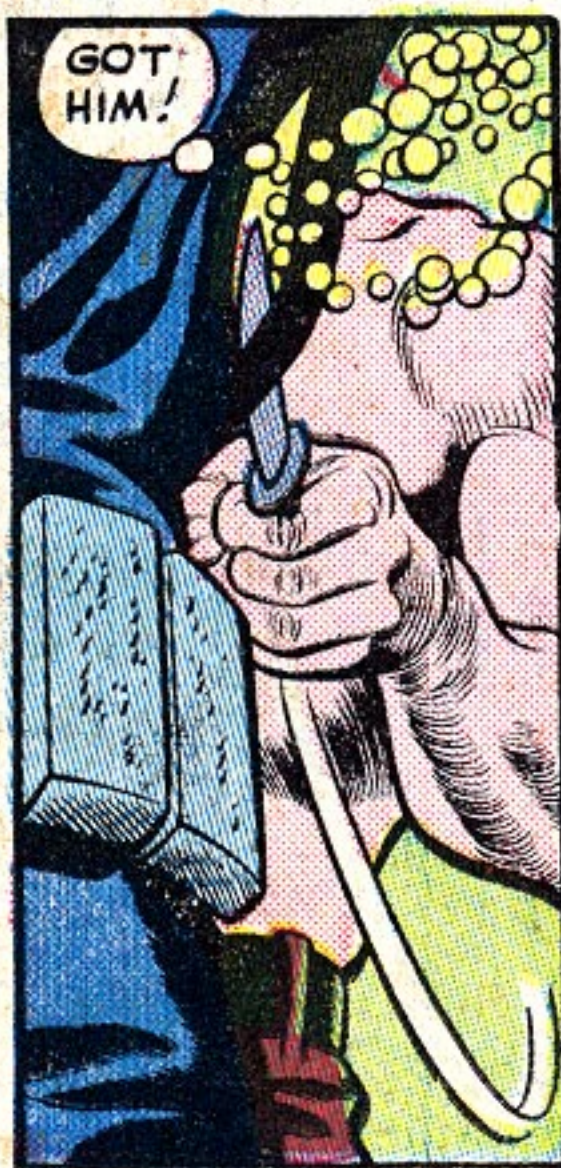


GOT TO... GET...
AIR... SOMEWHERE!
BLACKING OUT!



GOT
HIM!

THE
RUSSIAN
GOT
CARELESS
AS I
WEAKENED
I SLID
MY KNIFE
HAND
FREE
LONG
ENOUGH
TO SLASH
THROUGH
HIS SUIT!



THERE WAS AIR GUSHING
OUT... THE AIR I NEEDED
TO LIVE ON! SO I HELPED
MYSELF!

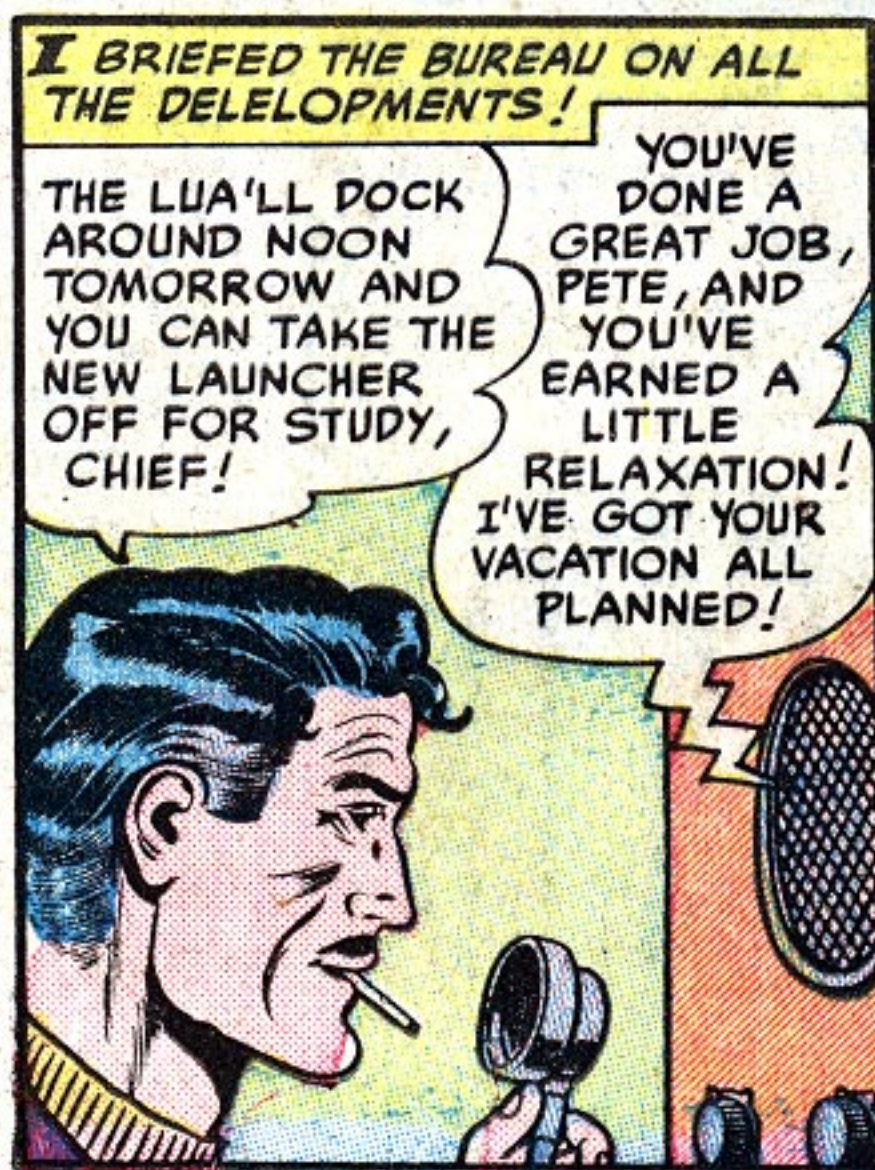
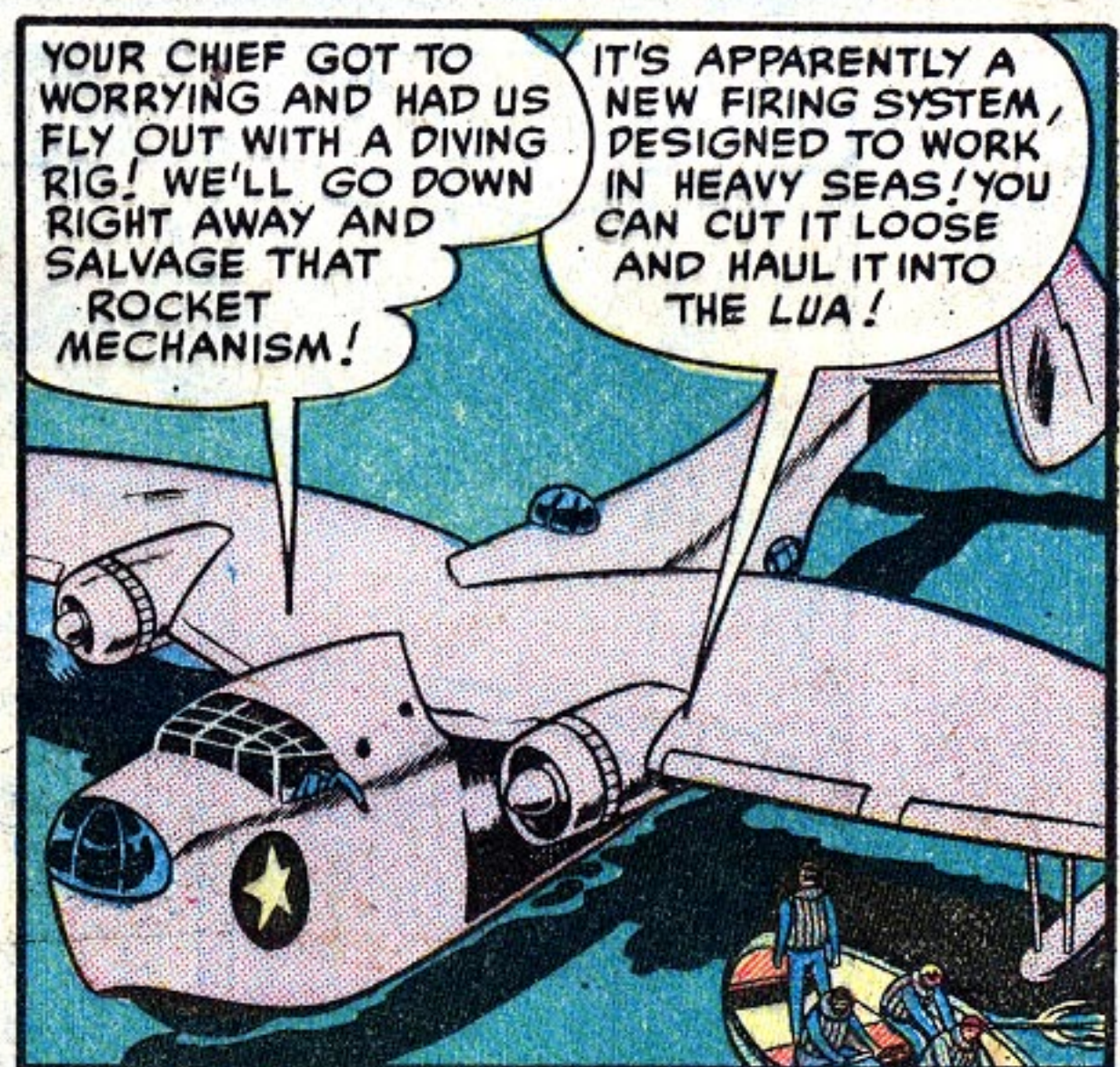
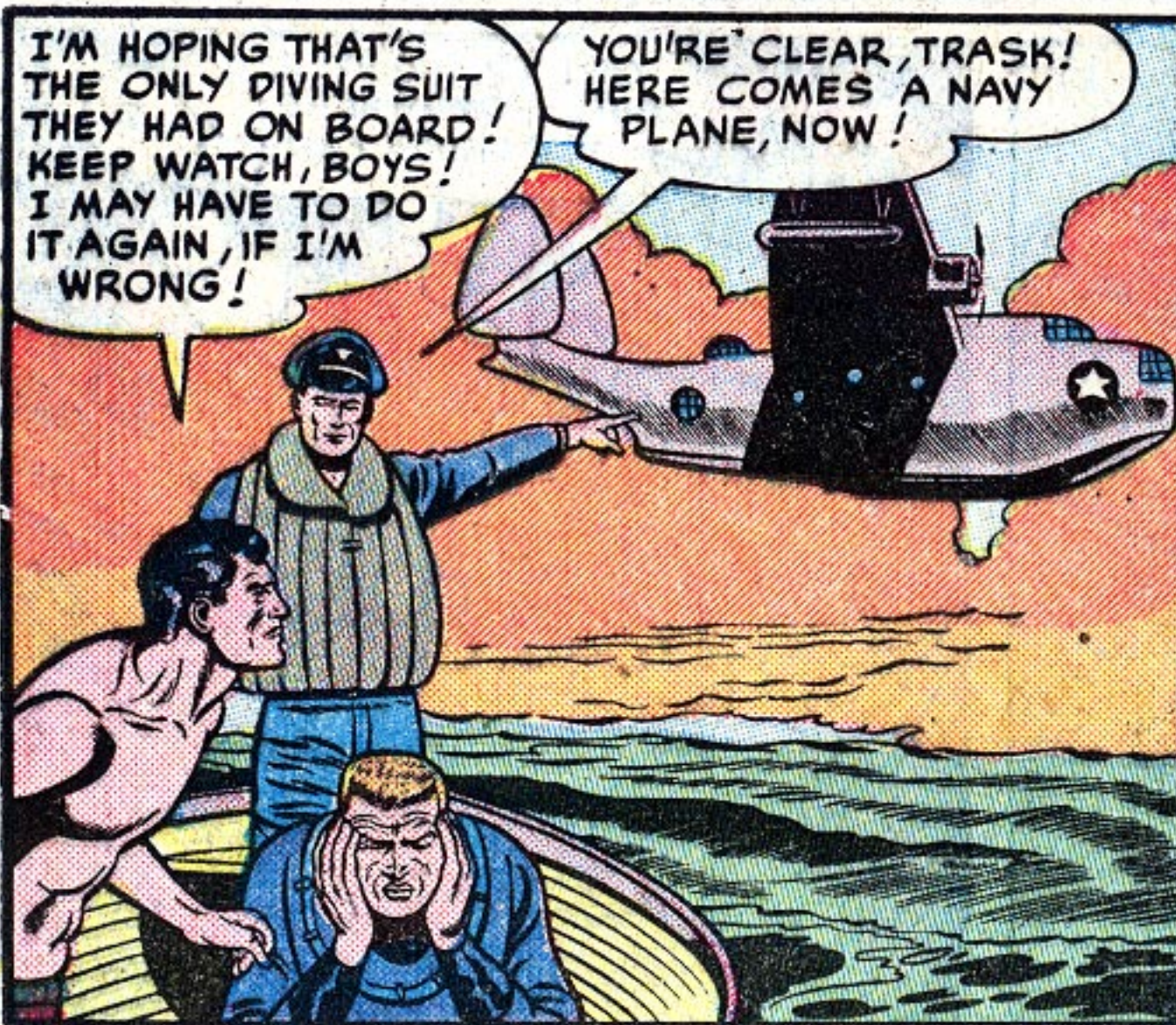
I CAN SUCK
ENOUGH AIR FROM THIS
SUIT TO HOLD OUT FOR
ANOTHER MINUTE OR
TWO!



The
LEAK
WAS
SMALL! I
USED MY
NEW
STRENGTH
TO CLAMP
A HAND
OVER HIS
EXHAUST
VALVE...
AND HIS
SUIT
BEGAN
TO
BLOW
OUT LIKE
A BALLOON!



IT'S WORKING!
THE AIR IS PUMPING
IN FASTER THAN IT
LEAKS OUT! WE'RE
BLOWING UP TO
THE SURFACE!

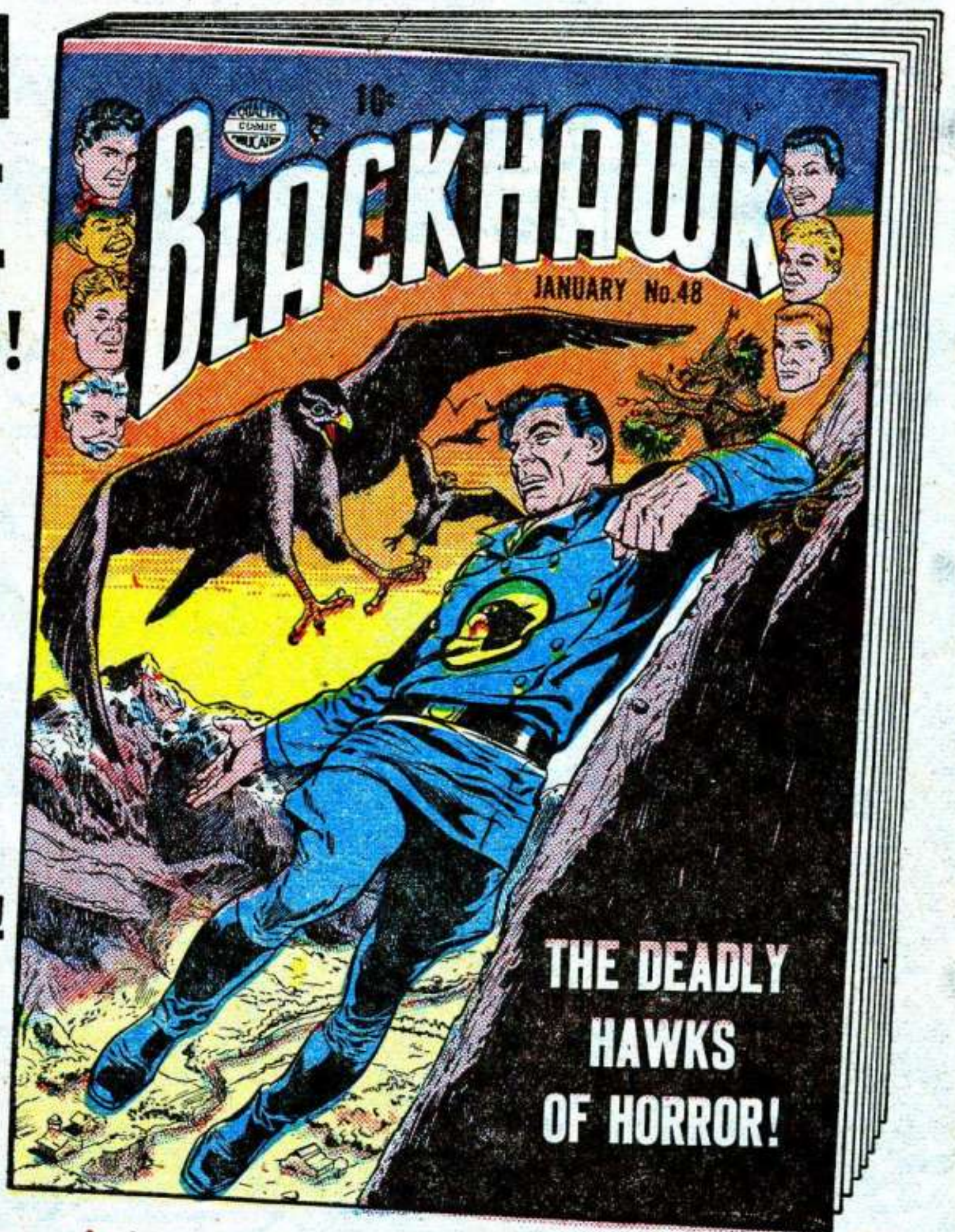


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The
BLACKHAWKS

Keyhole Clue

INSPECTOR Fred Gurley of Homicide pushed his way through the crowd that was gathered before the rather unpretentious apartment house! Evidently, news of the murder had spread fast! A uniformed policeman stood guard at the door!

"How are you, Sullivan?" asked Gurley. "Where's the body?"

"Second floor rear on the left," said Sullivan. "Looks as if you have a tough case on your hands! Donovan's upstairs! He'll fill in the details!"

Gurley was greeted by Patrolman Donovan when he entered the apartment. A good looking blonde sat in a chair, crying! Donovan looked uncomfortable!

"Okay, Donovan," commanded Gurley, "where's the stiff and what's the story? Give it to me fast!"

Donovan shuffled uneasily! "The body's on that cot in the corner," he pointed out, "and all I know is that this lady says she's his wife and came running up to me on the corner to say her husband had been murdered! I thought I'd leave the questioning to you!"

Gurley looked at the woman seated in the chair. Her face was streaked with tears and she was having trouble to control her emotions. She was a well-built babe with a lot of class, he thought! That is, if you liked that kind of class that seemed to belong to a burlesque queen! Turning to Donovan, he quickly got the identification of the murdered man! Jocky Gorse, a small-time racketeer and often accused of being in the numbers' racket and arrested but with no record of conviction! The woman was his wife, Julie Gorse!

"Mrs. Gorse," said Gurley in a kindly tone, "I can understand that you are terribly upset about this. But you say it's murder and if you can give me the facts, we can get going on the case! How do you know it's murder and what happened?"

Julie Gorse dried her eyes and looked at Gurley sadly. "I had been out shopping," she said, "and just returned home. When I came to the apartment door, I heard Jocky's voice and that of another man. They were quarrelling about something! I didn't know what to do, then I thought of looking through the keyhole and I could see Jocky there and he was cursing somebody! I couldn't see the other person but suddenly a hand and gun appeared and I saw the gun go off in Jocky's face! I was so terrified that I ran out of the building and down the street and found this officer! We came back and found Jocky lying here dead with—" Julie Gorse couldn't control her emotion! She broke into sobs! Then she added, "—with a bullet through his head! I don't know who did it or why anyone would want to kill him!"

Gurley looked at the corpse! It was on a couch

in the corner of the room! Evidently the force of the shot had sent him reeling backwards and that was where he had fallen! There could be no doubt that he had died the instant the bullet hit him! A quick, neat job and probably some sort of underworld warfare! Gurley walked out of the apartment, shut the door and then stooped to peer through the keyhole! Mrs. Gorse was right—you couldn't see more than one person from where he looked! She would have seen only the killer or the victim and, unfortunately, she had seen the victim! Her husband! In the act of being murdered!

Gurley answered the knock on the door a few minutes later and admitted the Coroner! He watched as the body was examined! Then the Coroner called him over and their conversation was carried on in whispers! When it was over, Gurley turned again to the widow!

"I don't want to worry you too much, sweetheart," he said smiling, "but would you mind repeating your version of the murder?"

"I've told you once," she sobbed. "Must I go through the whole thing again?"

"I'm afraid you must," answered Gurley!

"Naturally, I'll do anything to help catch the man who killed Jocky," she added. "I looked through the keyhole and saw a hand with a gun pointed at Jocky's head. Then there was a shot and Jocky tumbled backward out of view, toward the cot! That was where we found him when I returned with the officers! The killer was gone and I—"

She broke down in tears then and Gurley turned to Donovan. "Put the cuffs on her," he ordered, "and take her to the station and book her for murder! This case is solved!"

"Solved?" screamed Julie. "What are you talking about? Why take me? I told you what happened!"

"You sure did, sister," smiled Gurley. "You told us what you wanted us to believe happened! You said the victim was standing in the middle of the room when he was shot and then fell backwards onto the couch! Pretty poor planning on your part!"

"What do you mean?" By this time, Julie was tearing at the handcuffs on her arms and glaring savagely at Gurley! "How do you know what happened?"

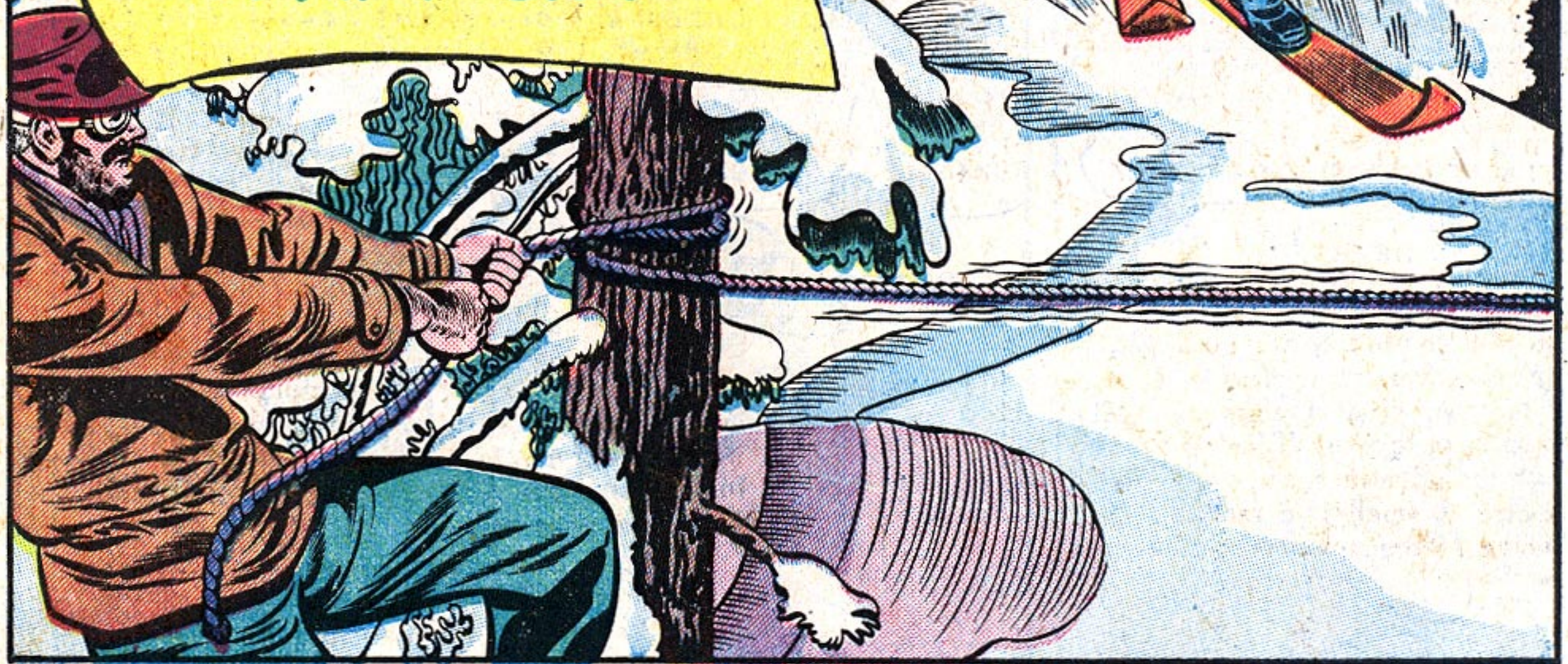
"Unfortunately for you," explained Gurley, "the bullet went completely through the victim's skull and we found it embedded in the couch, directly below his head! He was shot while lying there. Mrs. Gorse! Since you were the only witness to the murder, you're guilty! You couldn't have seen that through the keyhole!"

Trapped, Julie Gorse confessed! That ended the keyhole mystery!

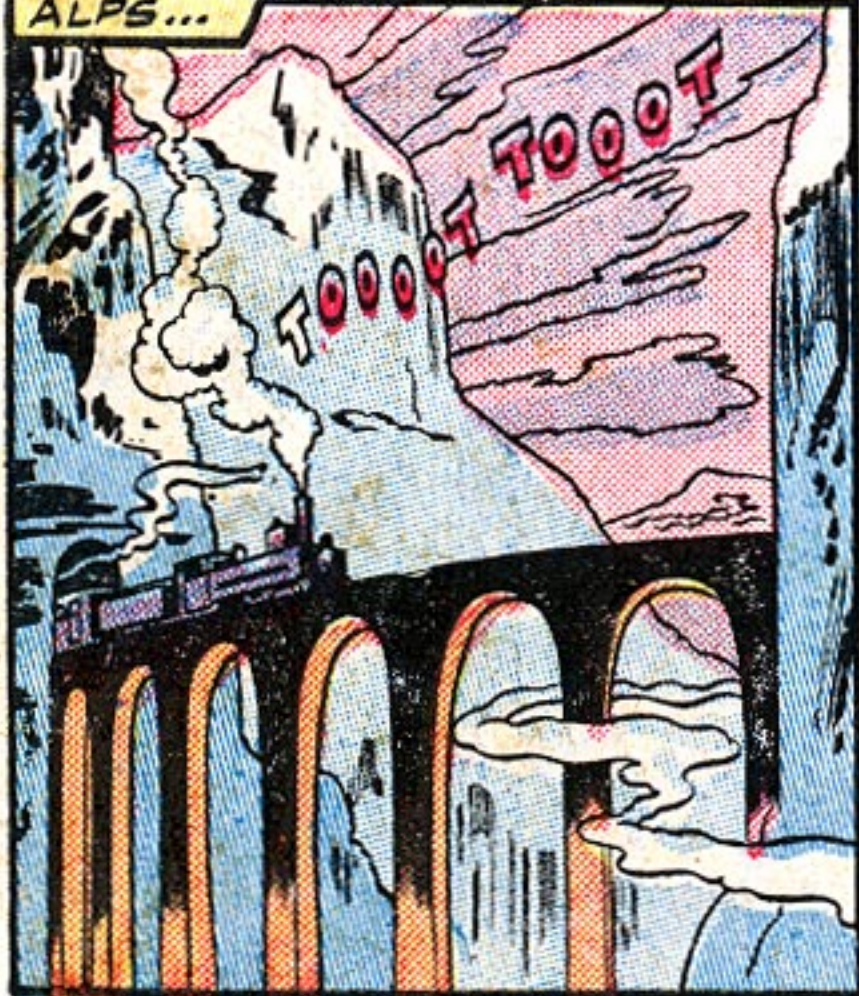
T-MAN

JOIN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND SEE THE WORLD! OH, SURE... **OFF-SEASON!** DOWN IN THE VALLEYS OF SOUTHERN FRANCE PEOPLE WERE SWELTERING IN THE SUN... AND WHERE WAS I? WHERE ELSE BUT HIGH UP IN THE ALPS MOUNTAINS, FREEZING MY NECK OFF WHILE A MOB OF VERY NASTY FOREIGN AGENTS PLOTTED TO GIVE ME...

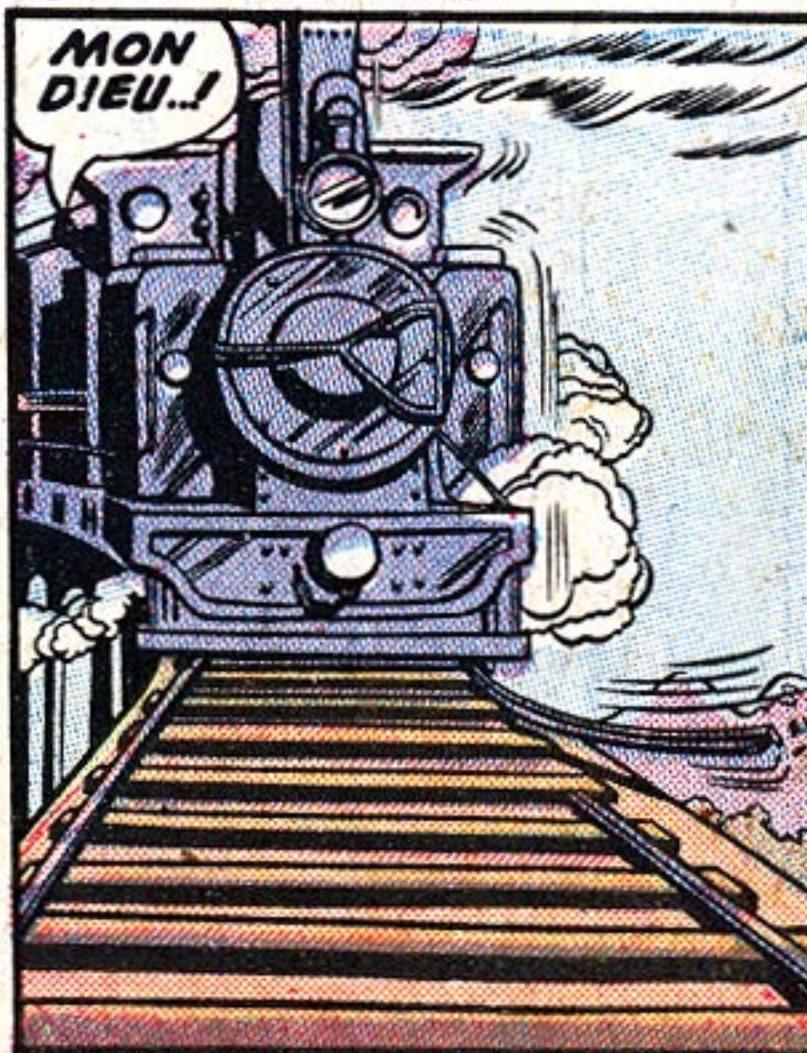
"A QUICK FREEZE WITH HOT LEAD!"



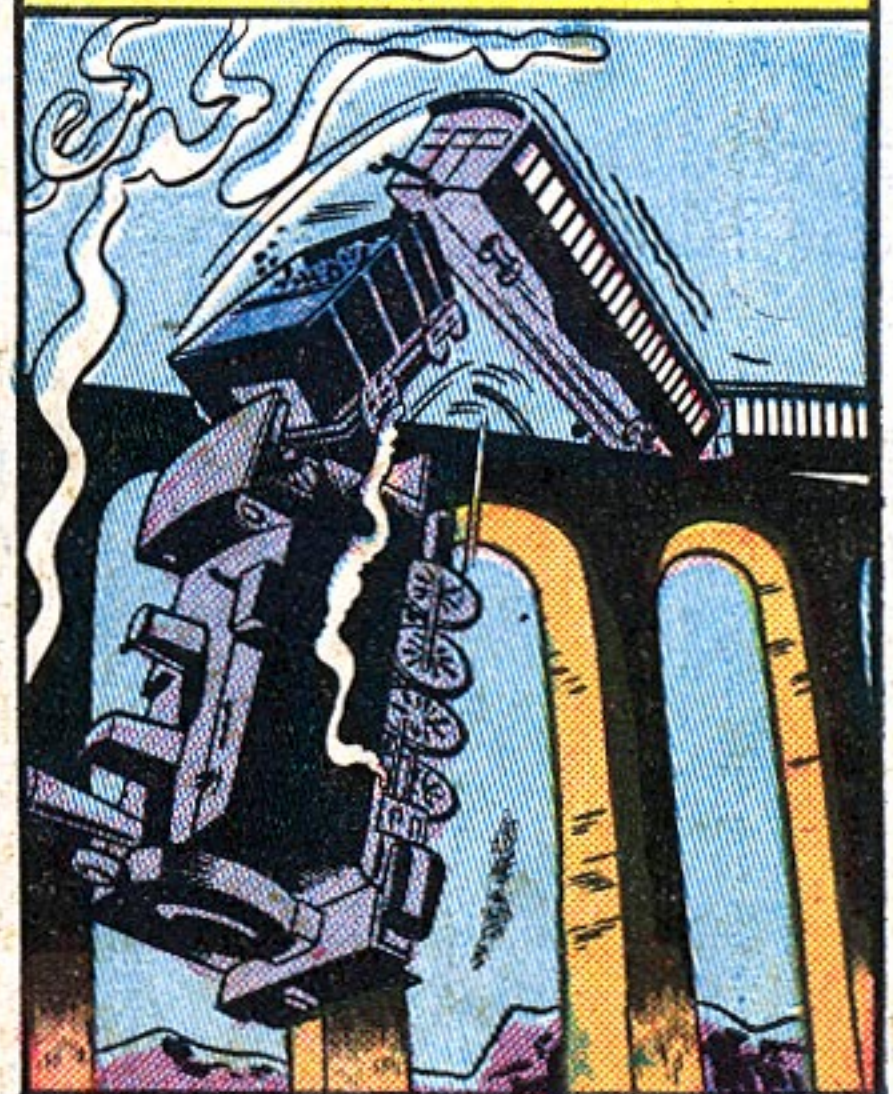
IT WAS LATE LAST OCTOBER THAT THE LANGRES-GENEVA EXPRESS BURST OUT OF THE MON CHERAULT TUNNEL IN THE FRENCH ALPS...



AND HIT A LOOSENED RAIL ON THE 100-FOOT TRESTLE OVER CHERIZ GORGE!



THE RESULT WAS A HORROR BEYOND DESCRIPTION...



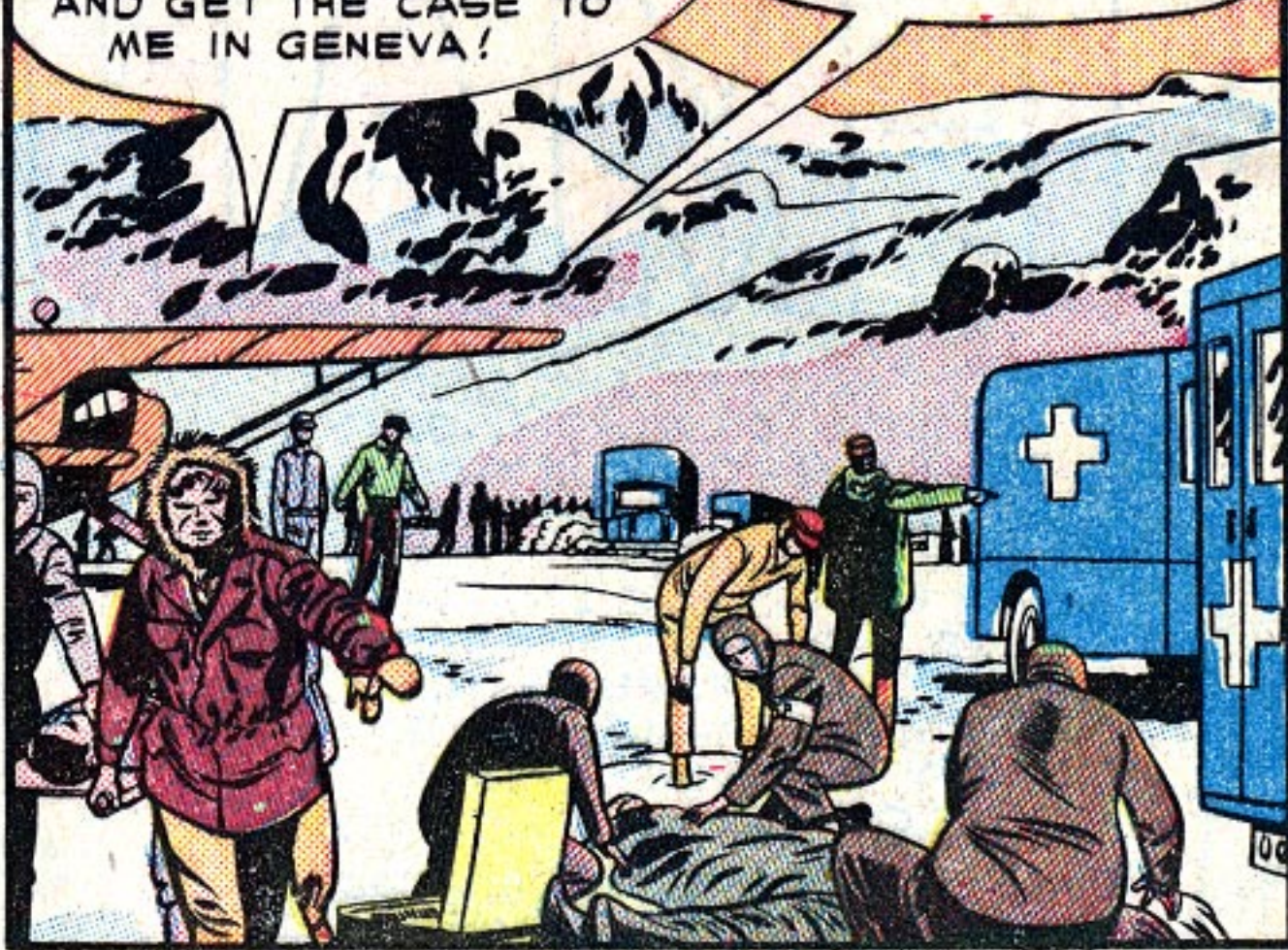
I SAW THE WRECKAGE ABOUT NOON, FLYING OVER IT WITH MAC LAIRD OF OUR SWITZERLAND FIELD OFFICE! IT WASN'T PRETTY!



AND SOMEWHERE DOWN THERE, PETE, IS VITO FIORE, OUR NAPLES AGENT, WITH A BRIEF-CASE FULL OF DATA HOT ENOUGH TO BLOW UP HALF OF EUROPE!

THE REDS KNEW HE HAD IT! THEY'LL BE AFTER IT, TOO! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND VITO AND GET THE CASE TO ME IN GENEVA!

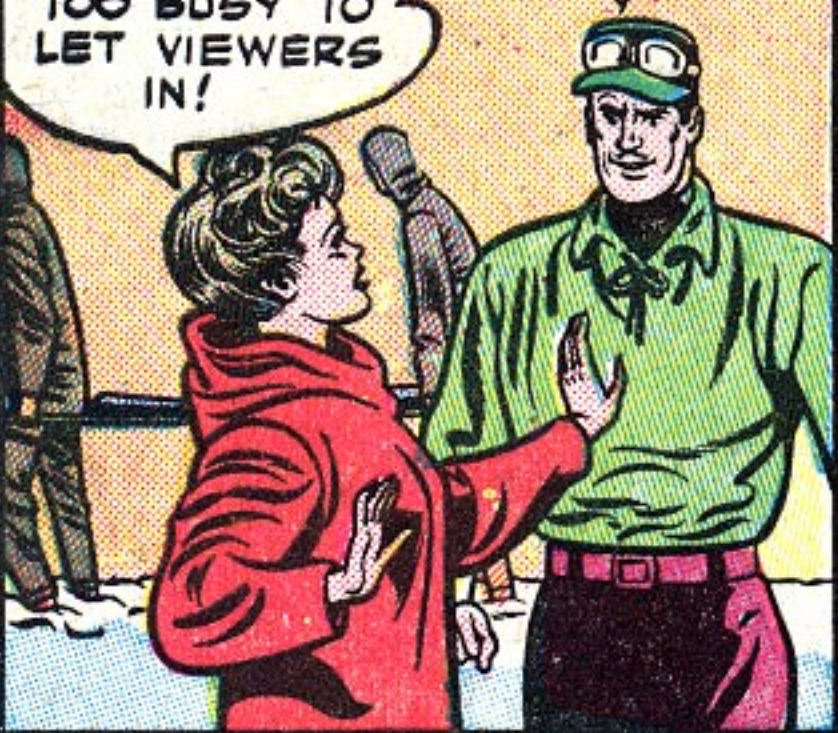
I'LL FIND HIM, MAC.. DEAD OR ALIVE! AND I'LL GET THE DATA!



AS I WALKED TOWARD THE CAMP, AN ANGEL IN WHITE BARRED MY PATH!

SORRY, BUT IF YOU'RE NOT A DOCTOR OR AN AID MAN, YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK! WE'RE TOO BUSY TO LET VIEWERS IN!

I DON'T BLAME YOU, HONEY, BUT THIS IS OFFICIAL!



A T-MAN! CAN I HELP YOU, MR. TRASK? I'M HILDA BEAUSAC!

MAYBE YOU CAN, HILDA! ONE OF OUR MEN WAS ON THAT TRAIN! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM, OR HIS BODY, IN A RUSH!



THE DEAD WERE PILED IN THE SNOW! IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY TO TELL WHAT THEY'D LOOKED LIKE IN LIFE!

AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL, VITO'S BODY ISN'T HERE!

THEN HE MAY BE AMONG THE INJURED IN THE HOSPITAL TENT! COME ALONG ... IF YOU CAN TAKE IT!



I ALMOST COULDN'T TAKE IT! THERE MUST BE PLEASANTER WAYS TO MAKE A LIVING!

NOT THERE...I DON'T THINK!

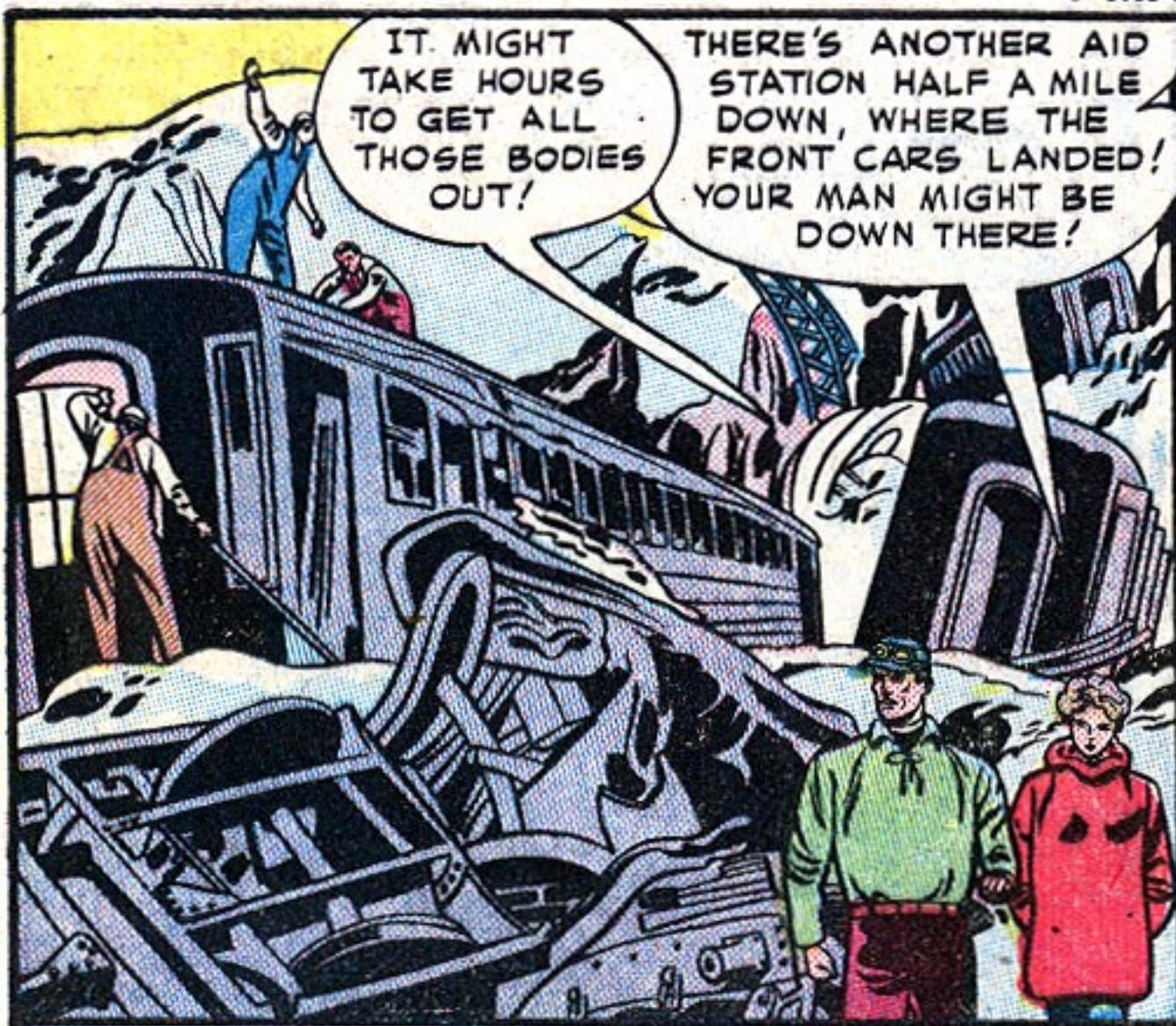
THEN FOLLOW ME! BELIEVE IT OR NOT, QUITE A FEW PEOPLE SURVIVED WITH NO MORE THAN BRUISES!



ANOTHER BLANK, HILDA!

THAT LEAVES ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES...





IT MIGHT TAKE HOURS TO GET ALL THOSE BODIES OUT!

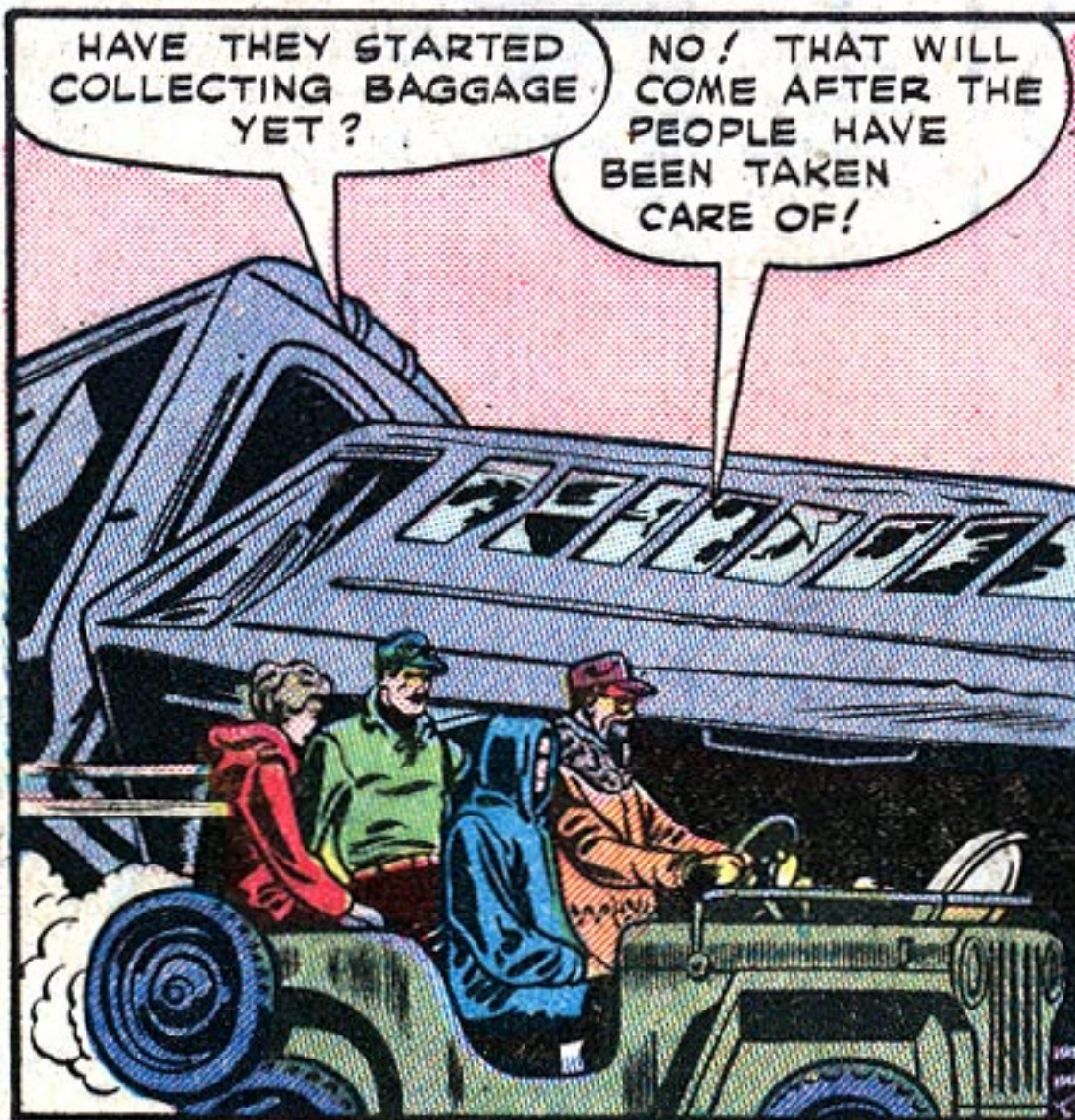
THERE'S ANOTHER AID STATION HALF A MILE DOWN, WHERE THE FRONT CARS LANDED! YOUR MAN MIGHT BE DOWN THERE!



OH, GUS, HOW ABOUT A LIFT DOWN TO THE BASE?

SURE, HILDA! CLIMB IN, YOU TWO!

THERE WAS A LITTER OF LUGGAGE ALL OVER THE SNOW! MY CHANCES OF FINDING ONE SMALL BRIEFCASE LOOKED ABOUT ZERO-MINUS!



HAVE THEY STARTED COLLECTING BAGGAGE YET?

NO! THAT WILL COME AFTER THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!

WE WERE ALMOST TO THE BOTTOM WHEN I SPOTTED THE BATTERED FIGURE OF A MAN CRAWLING FROM A COACH WINDOW!



HOLD IT! THAT POOR DEVIL LOOKS FAMILIAR!

STOP, GUS!

IT WAS VITO FIORE!



VITO, IT'S PETE TRASK! WHERE'S THE BRIEFCASE?

IN... THERE! UNDER ... SEAT!

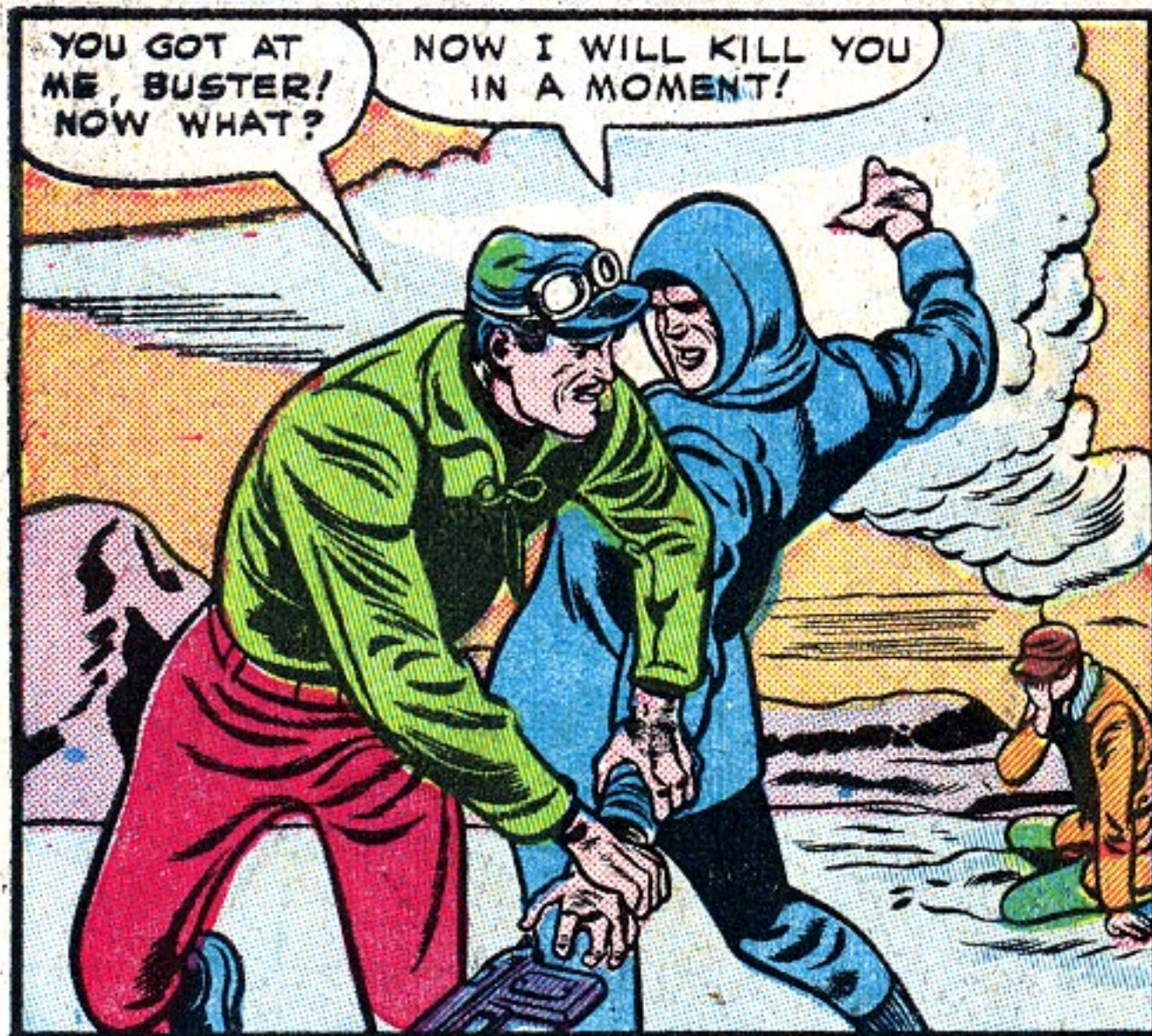
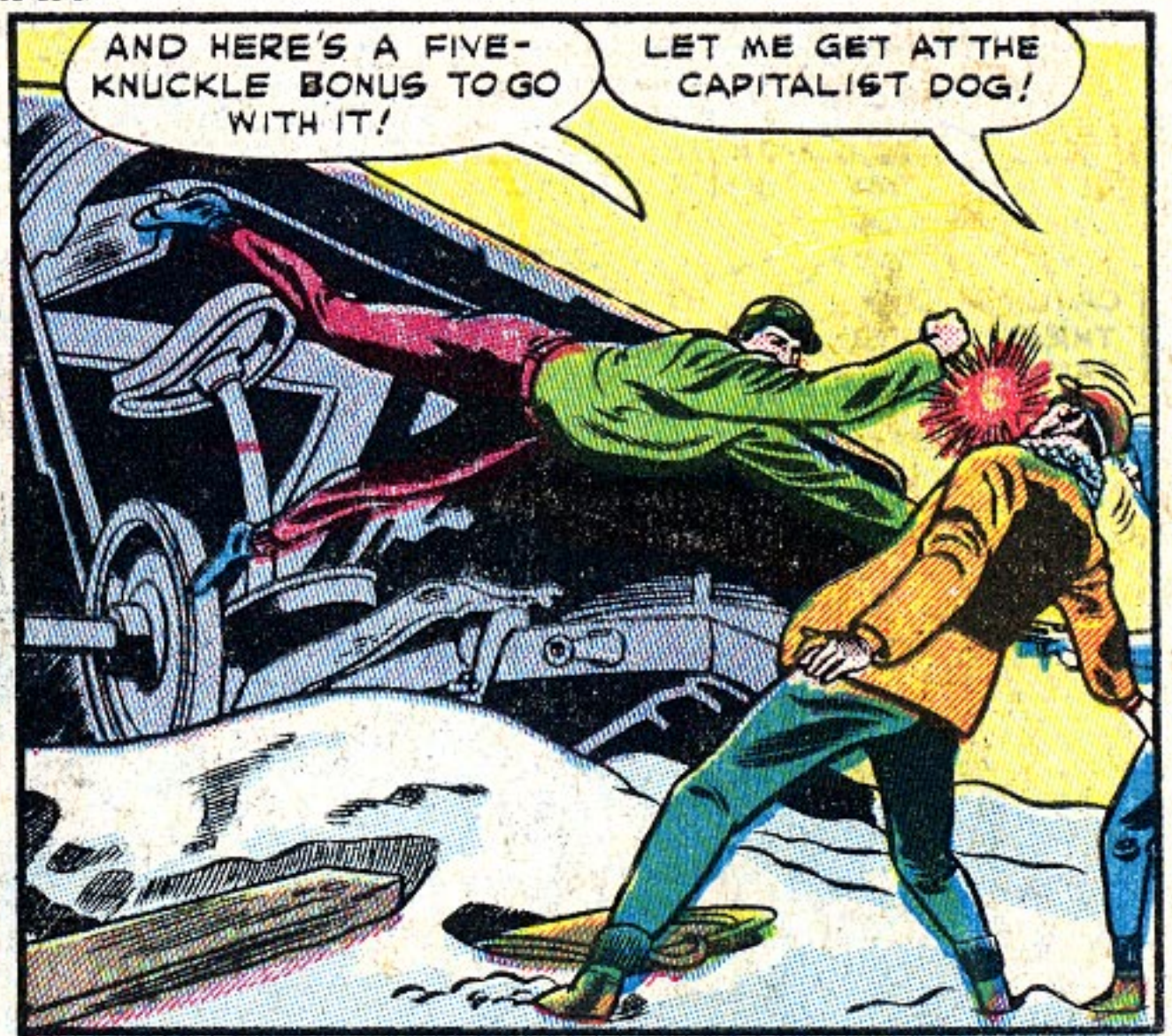
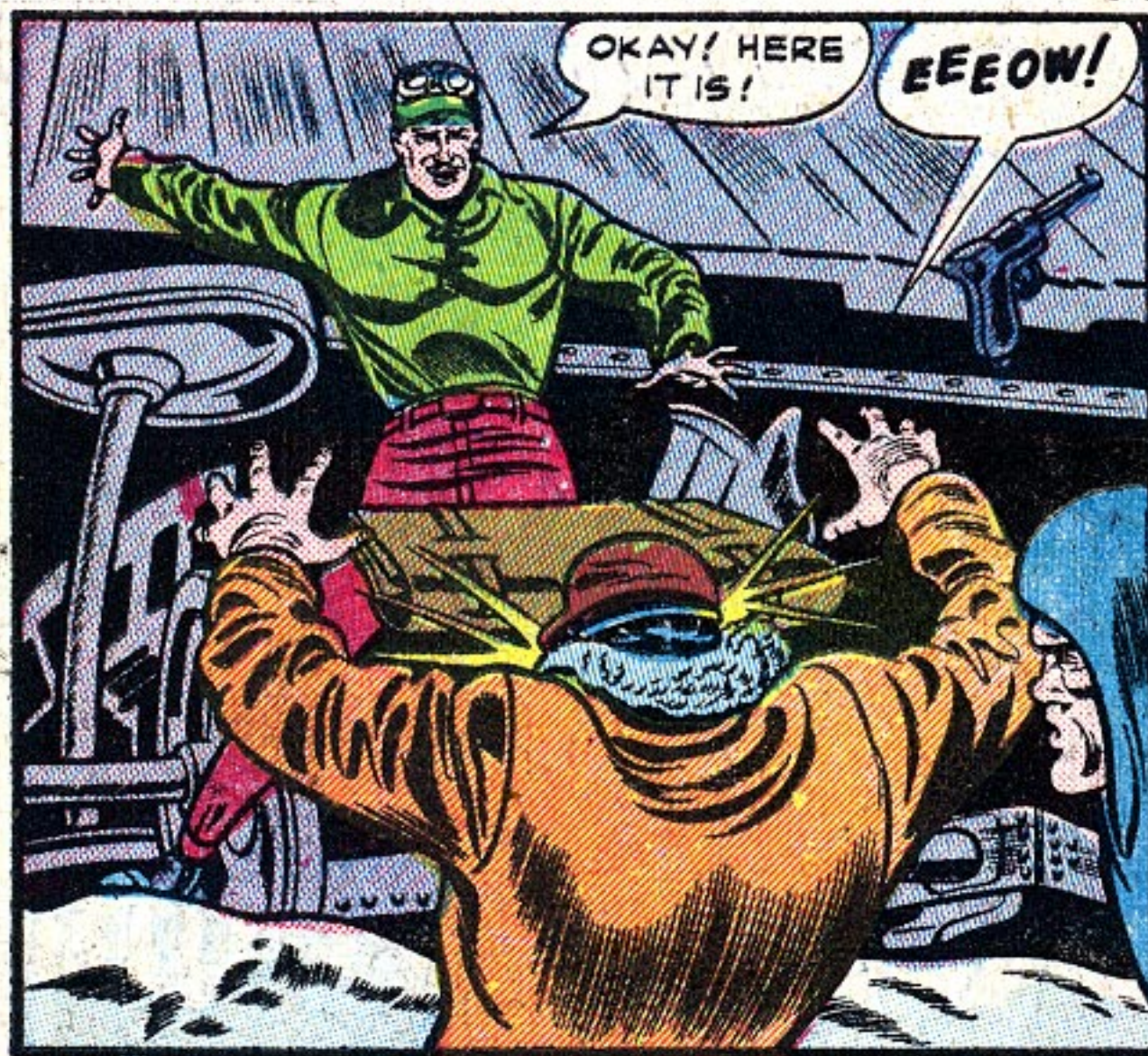


I'VE GOT IT! GOOD!



HAND IT OVER, MR. TRASK! IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO FIND IT FOR US!

WHA...? AND I WALKED RIGHT INTO IT WITH MY BIG, STUPID FACE HANGING OUT!



I STILL HADN'T FIGURED OUT THE WHOLE SCORE... UNTIL SWEET HILDA BENT A GUN BARREL OVER MY DUMB SKULL...



I WASN'T OUT BUT MY MUSCLES WERE ON STRIKE!



BUT THAT TRASK IS A DANGEROUS ENEMY TO LEAVE ALIVE!



DO NOT TRY TO MOVE! YOU ARE HURT!



T-MAN

I HAD TO MOVE FAST! THIS WAS NO TIME TO PLAY IT CAUTIOUS!

HERE ARE MY CREDENTIALS! I'VE GOT TO CATCH THOSE THREE! THEY CAUSED THE WRECK AND STOLE VITAL PAPERS!

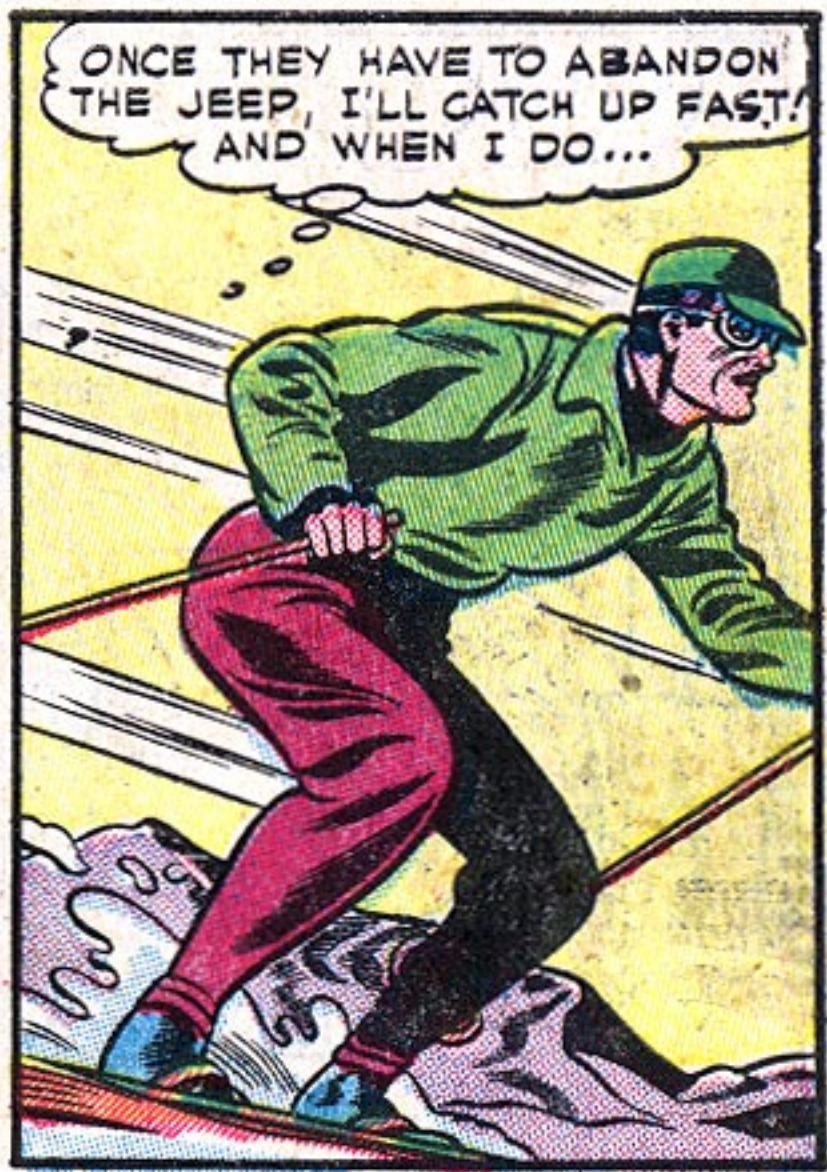
THEY WILL NOT GET FAR, MONSIEUR! THERE IS NO ROAD DOWN THERE... ONLY A FOOT-PATH TO THE SKI LIFT AT MONT ST. CLAIR!

THIS MAN WILL SURVIVE IF HE CAN BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL TENT AT ONCE!

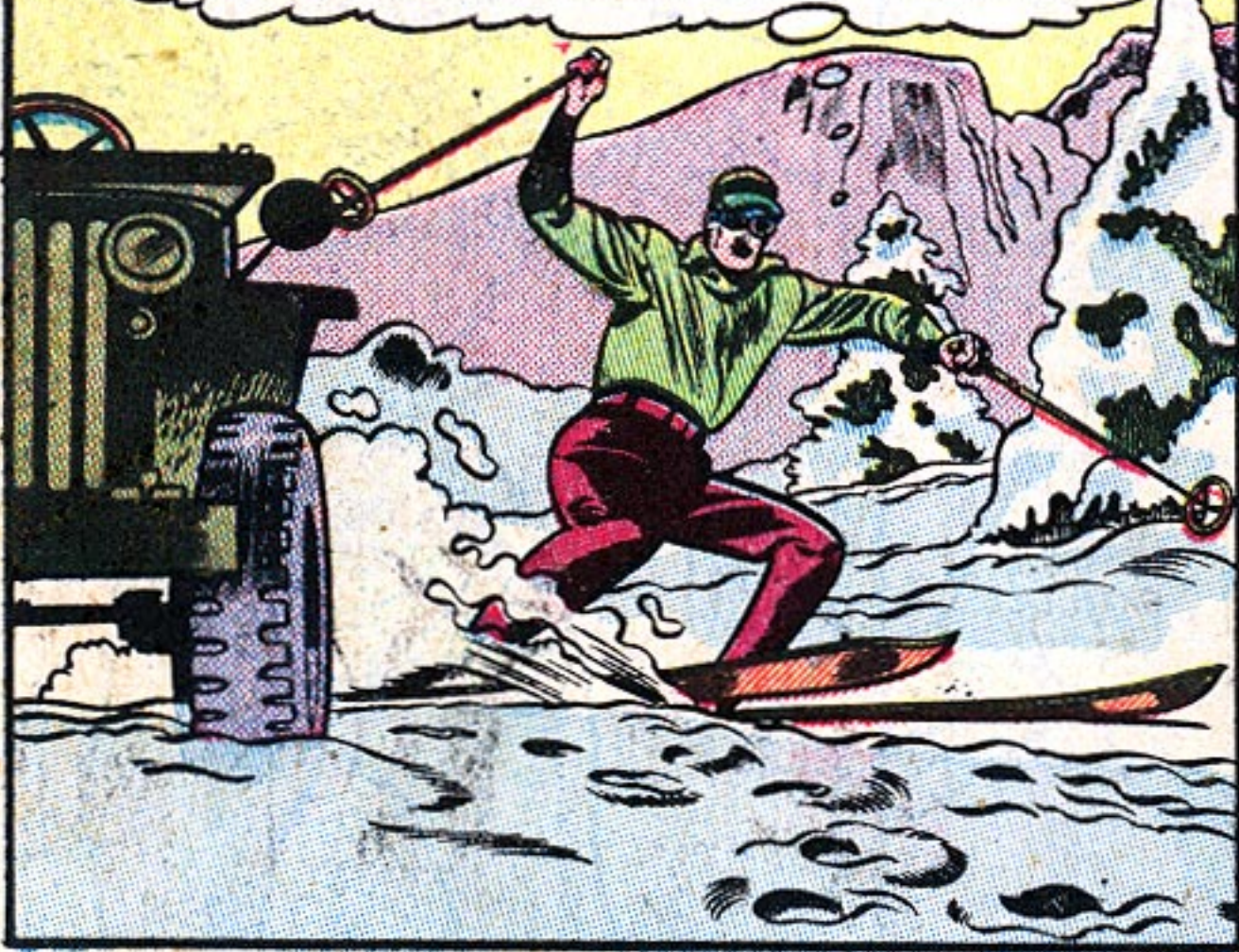
YOU TAKE CARE OF VITO! I'LL BORROW SOMEBODY'S SKIS AND GO AFTER THOSE RED RATS MYSELF!

I COULDN'T COMPETE WITH EXPERTS, BUT I'VE DONE ENOUGH SKIING TO GET AROUND!

ONCE THEY HAVE TO ABANDON THE JEEP, I'LL CATCH UP FAST! AND WHEN I DO...

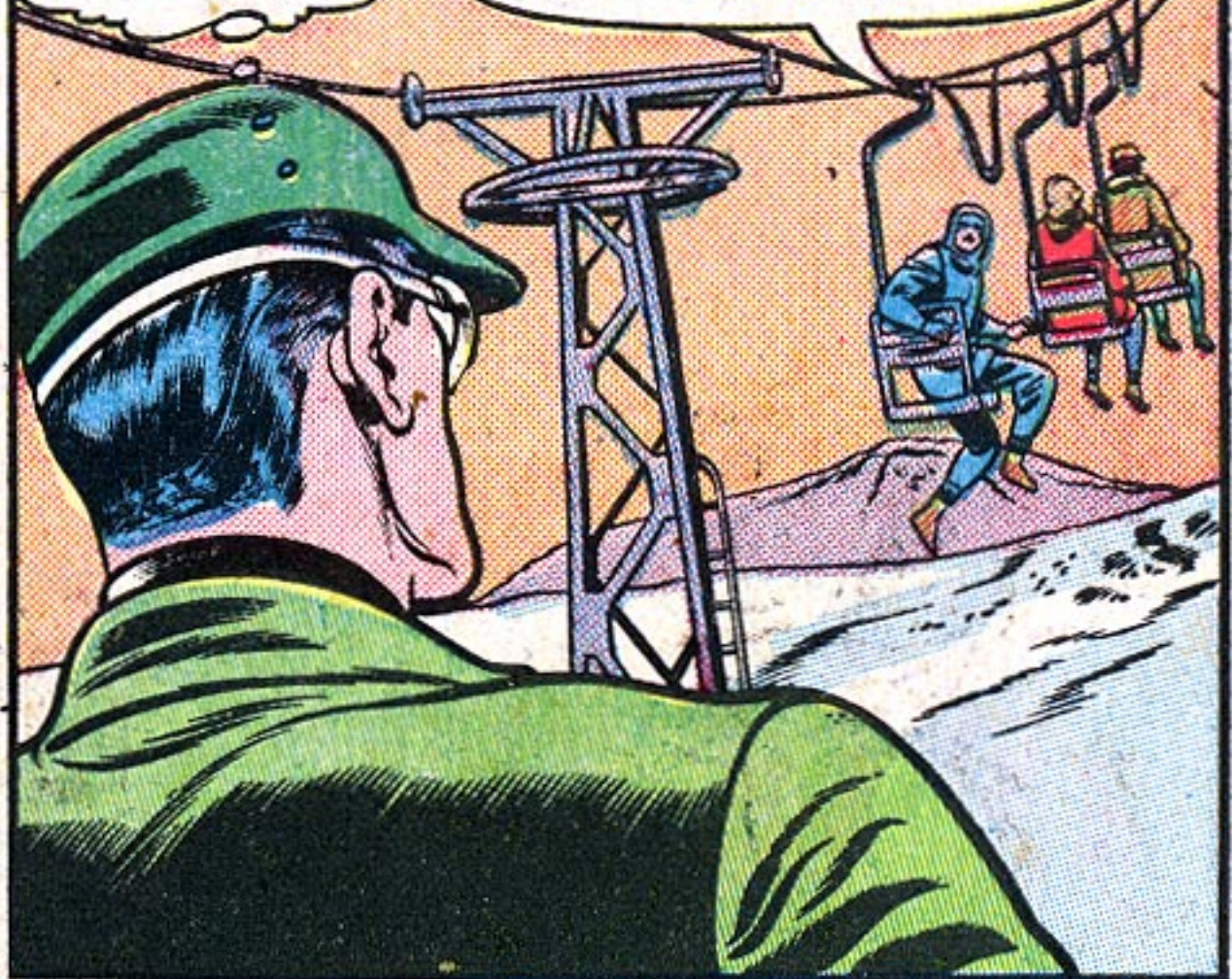


NOW THEY'RE AFOOT AND THE ADVANTAGE IS ON MY SIDE! MY KNUCKLES ARE ITCHING FOR ANOTHER CRACK AT THOSE JAWS!



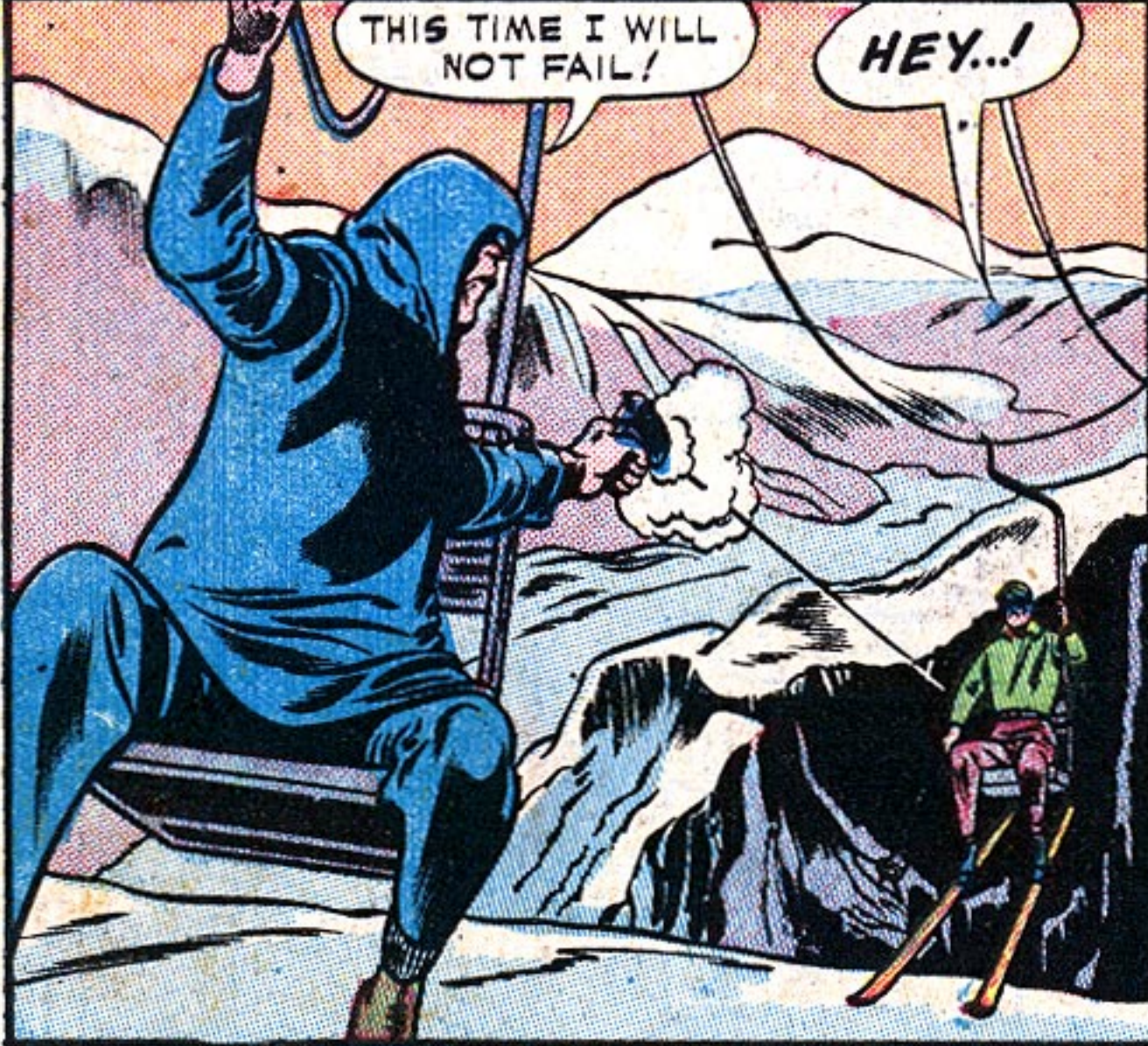
THERE THEY GO, RIDING THE SKI LIFT!

HILDA! IT IS THAT TRASK! I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF HIM!



THIS TIME I WILL NOT FAIL!

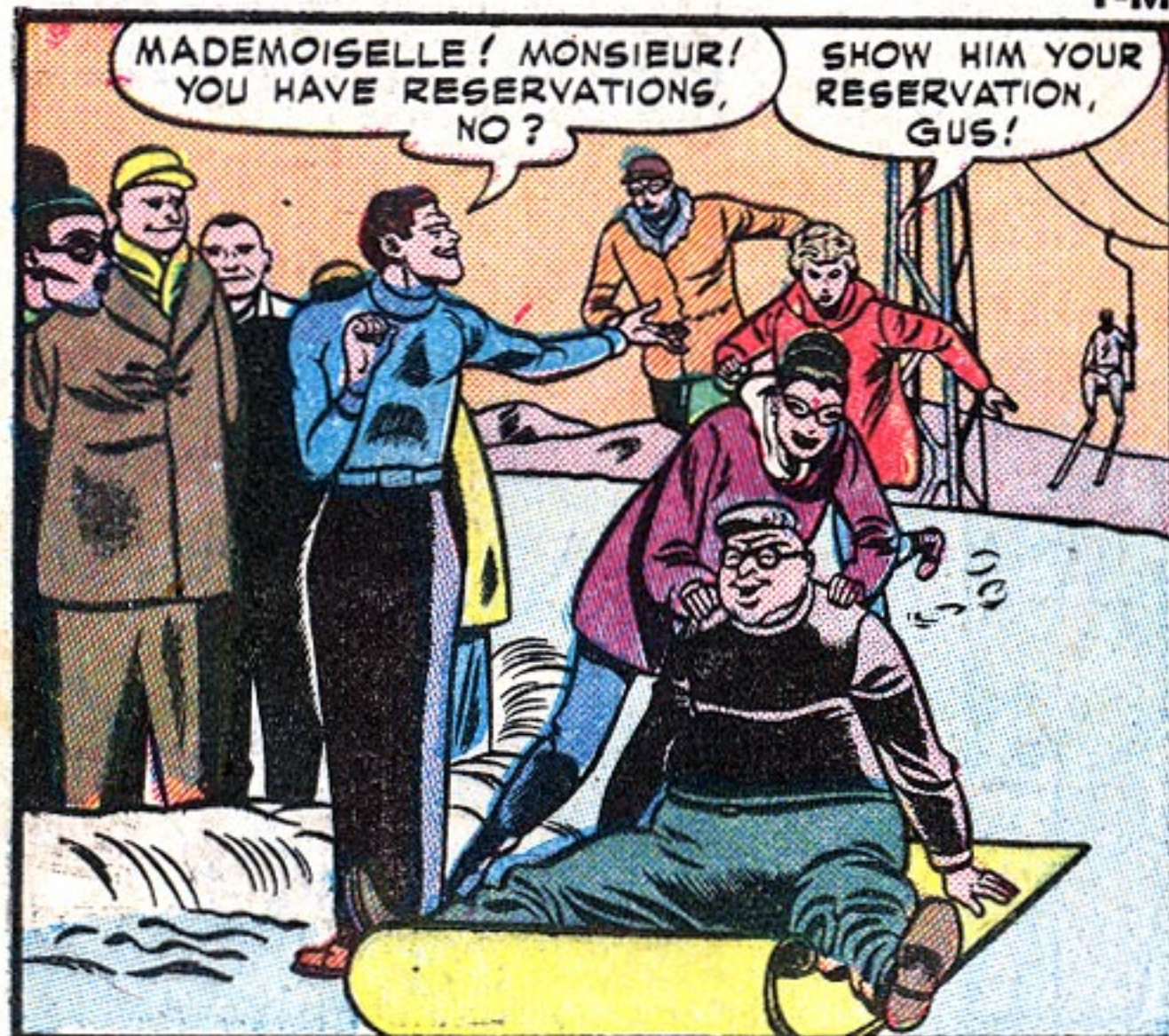
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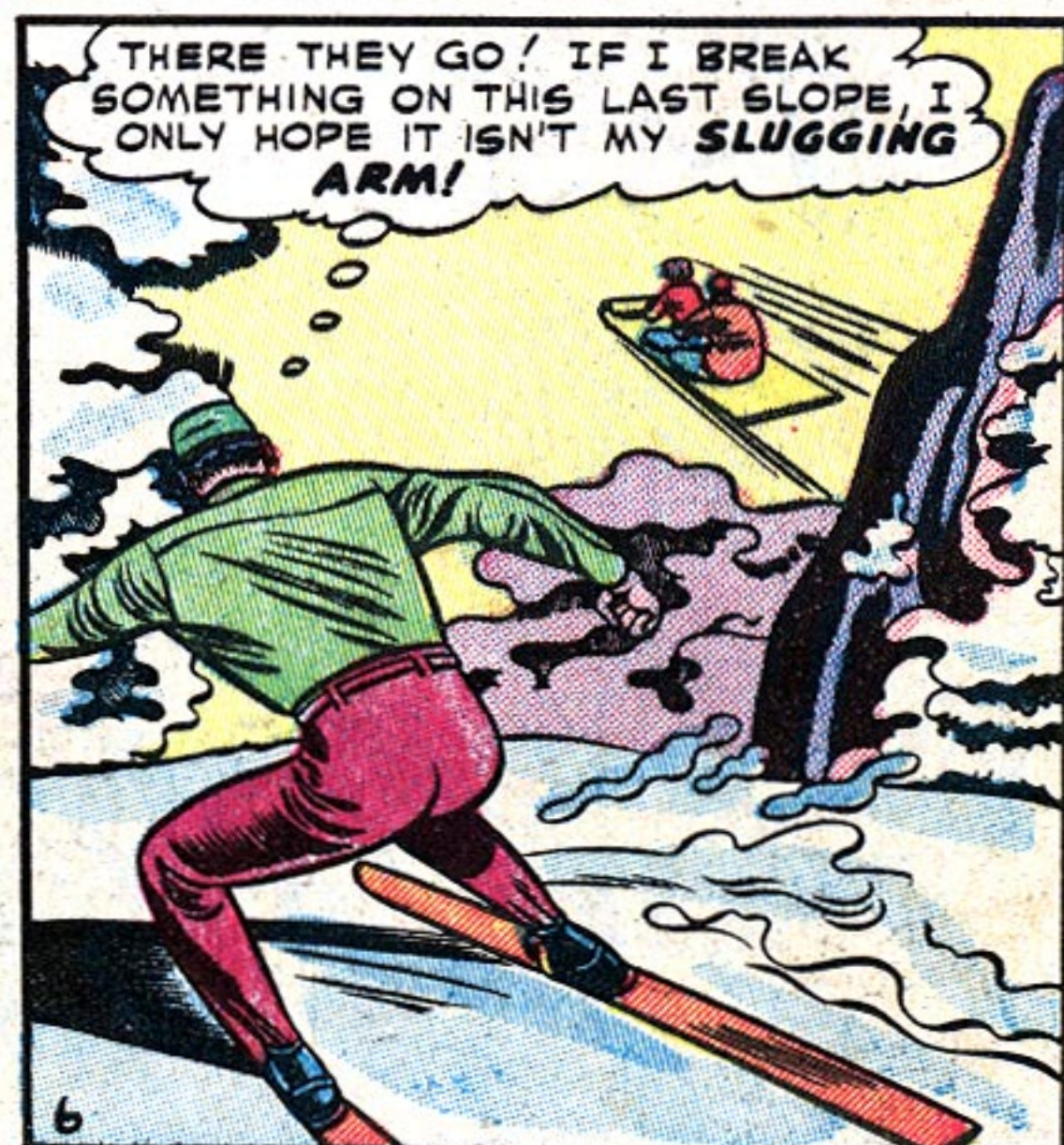
YOU PICKED MY KIND OF GAME THAT TIME, CHUM!

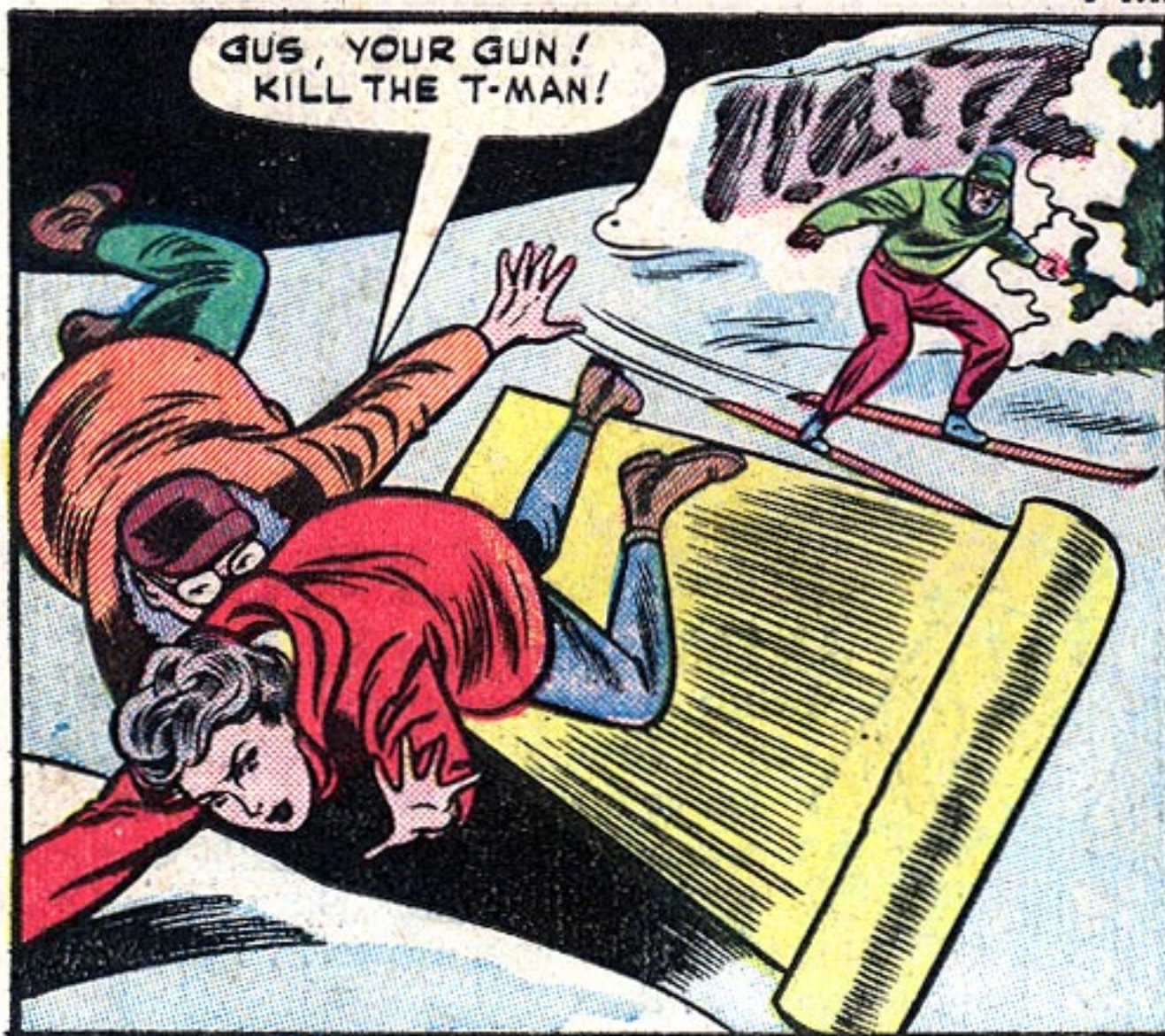
EEEEAAAAHHHH! BANG





ONCE I CAUGHT SIGHT OF MY QUARRY, DOWN INSIDE THE ICED WALLS OF THE TOBOGGAN RUN! THE REST OF THE TIME I WAS TOO BUSY!



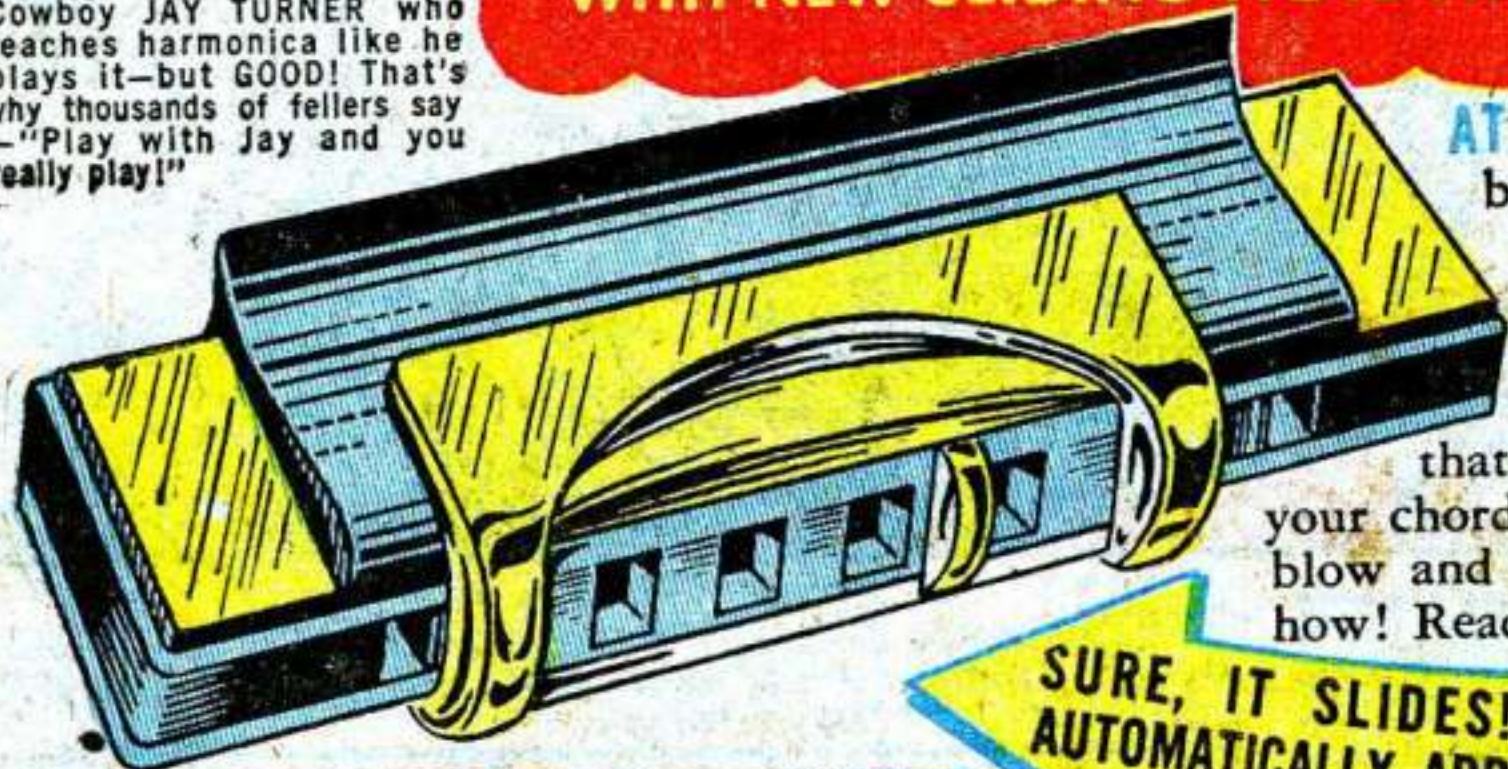




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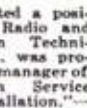
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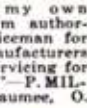
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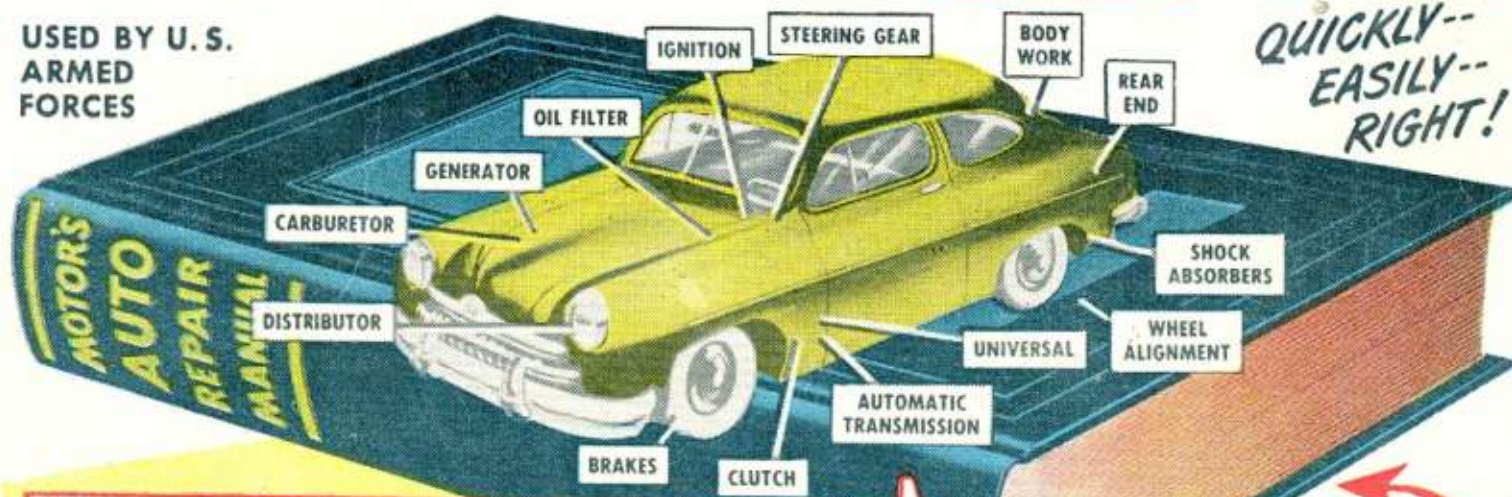
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